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No. 87, the Seaboard's through train from New York, leaves Jacksonville at 3:30 in the afternoon and arrives at New Smyrna at 8:20 in the evening. Returning as No. 88, it will reach New Smyrna from the south at 7:50 in the morning and arrive at Jacksonville at 12:30 p m

No. 35, which is an entirely new addition to the service, will leave Jacksonville at 8:15 in the evening and stop at only the most important points. It will reach New Smyrna at 12:20 a. m. Returning from the south as No 36, it will reach here at 4:40 o'clock in the morning and arrive at Jacksonville at 8:50 a. m.

In the matter of the number of trains and the service offered, the Florida East Coast railroad is this winter furnishing the best facilities for handling the extra heavy winter business it has ever given. Every indication points to the heaviest tourist business in the history of the state this winter and the Flagler system is making preparations to this end.

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That the little folder advertising New Smyrna recently issued by the Woman's club of this city is bringing the name of New Smyrna before the people, is indicated by the following article printed in the Jacksonville Metropolis last Saturday:

The women of New Smyrna have decided they have waited long enough for the men to make this city a touring center for the East Coast. And that there may be no doubt of their intentions they have declared war on the chamber of commerce of St. Augustine and will shortly produce data to prove the old claim that New Smyrna is the oldest city in the United States.

Somehow or other it has been the women of New Smyrna who have always taken the lead in progressive work. The city was called New Smyrna because the wife of its founder, Andrew Turnbull came from Smyrna. An old tradition has it that the two old canals of the city, hewn from solid rock, were built by women slaves brought from the countries about the Mediteranean sea. These canals drained the rich lands owned by Turnbull, who converted the old Spanish Mission into a sugar cane mill.

New Smyrna has been fortunate in being a division point of the East Coast railway's main line and also the terminal for two branch lines. But it has rested easily on its honors, growing as the business of the railroad increased and doing little to encourage visitors to enjoy the wonderful scenery, the excellent fishing and hunting and the sea bathing at Coronado beach.

The women of this city are progressive. They would have the city talked about. With no great fanfare, red fire or the use of brass bands, they have brought this about. A simple, almost unobtrusive booklet has been printed by the club. It tells of the beauties of this city, and, with quiet dignity, states that the old Spanish Mission the ruins of which are still standing, was built several months before the first settler reached St. Augustine.

St. Augustine has taken up the challenge and, no matter which side wins in the controversy, New Smyrna will be more generally talked about than she ever was before.

TO POSTPONE ROAD WORK UNTIL APRIL

NEW BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TAKES HOLD AND ELECTS C. F. BURGMAN AS THE CHAIRMAN.

That the road work now being done under contract between this city and Rose bay, in the New Smyrna special road and bridge district, and on the east end of the DeLand and Daytona road, in the Daytona special district, shall be discontinued until after the tourist season is ended, or until the first part of April, is the decision reached by the new board of county commissioners, which held its first meeting Tuesday at DeLand.

The reasons advanced by the commissioners are those suggested by the News several weeks ago, that the continuance of the road work through the tourist season is a detriment to the business interests of the county, and that if arrangements could be made to have the work stopped until after a majority of the winter visitors have left the state it would be more satisfactory all around. It is understood that the Daytona-New Smyrna road and the Daytona-DeLand road are to be put into good condition at once so that automobiles will have no trouble in traveling and that the roads will be kept in this condition until the contract work is started again.

The new board of county commissioners was organized Tuesday morning with the selection of C. F. Burgman of Daytona as chairman of the board and the board got down to business at once. The way the new commissioners took hold of matters indicates that they propose to give a strict business administration to the affairs of the county during the next two years.

The board decided to employ an experienced engineer as road superintendent, and will take its time in making the selection. In the meantime, Harvey Jones was employed for one month at a salary of $100 to look after county property and act as road superintendent

Landis, Fish & Hull were re-employed as attorneys for the board.

The regular meeting time of the board was changed from the first Monday in the month to the second Tuesday of each month at 11 o'clock in the morning.

WATER IS TURNED ON IN RIO VISTA EXTENSION

The extension of the water main from Clinch street to Rio Vista park was completed last week and the water was turned into the main for a test Wednesday. Thursday the high pressure test was applied and the new main found to be in first class condition.

SWEET POTATO BREAKS POT IN EFFORT TO GROW LARGER

That you can't keep Florida from producing big sweet potatoes in spite of all sorts of hindrances, was proven to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pape upon their return here this week from Marietta, O. Before leaving for their northern home last spring, Mrs. Pape stuck a sweet potato into an earthern pot in the yard, little thinking that it would amount to anything. When they returned they found that it had grown without attention of any sort during the summer and produced one immense potato, which, not to be overcome, had persisted in pushing out until it had burst the earthen pot and was still growing outside. Things will grow in spite of everything in sunny Florida.

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The trains which have been run on the summer schedule will be continued on the same running times and the new trains will give that much added service.

No. 33, the Palm Beach Limited, leaves Jacksonville at 9 o'clock in the morning and arrives at New Smyrna at 1:20 p. m. Returning the train arrives here at 3:20 in the afternoon and reaches Jacksonville at 8 o'clock.

No. 87, the Seaboard's through train from New York, leaves Jacksonville at 5:30 in the afternoon and arrives at New Smyrna at 8:20 in the evening. Returning as No. 88, it will reach New Smyrna from the south at 7:50 in the morning and arrive at Jacksonville at 12:30 p m

No. 35, which is an entirely new addition to the service, will leave Jacksonville at 8:15 in the evening and stop at only the most important points. It will reach New Smyrna at 12:20 a. m. Returning from the south as No 36, it will reach here at 4:40 o'clock in the morning and arrive at Jacksonville at 8:50 a. m.

In the matter of the number of trains and the service offered, the Florida East Coast railroad is this winter furnishing the best facilities for handling the extra heavy winter business it has ever given. Every indication points to the heaviest tourist business in the history of the state this winter and the Flagler system is making preparations to this end.

OLDEST CITY CLAIM BRINGS ADVERTISING

JACKSONVILLE PAPER SAYS WOMEN OF THIS CITY HAVE STARTED SOMETHING AFTER WAITING LONG FOR ACTION.

That the little folder advertising New Smyrna recently issued by the Woman's club of this city is bringing the name of New Smyrna before the people, is indicated by the following article printed in the Jacksonville Metropolis last Saturday:

The women of New Smyrna have decided they have waited long enough for the men to make this city a touring center for the East Coast. And that there may be no doubt of their intentions they have declared war on the chamber of commerce of St. Augustine and will shortly produce data to prove the old claim that New Smyrna is the oldest city in the United States.

Somehow or other it has been the women of New Smyrna who have always taken the lead in progressive work. The city was called New Smyrna because the wife of its founder, Andrew Turnbull came from Smyrna. An old tradition has it that the two old canals of the city, hewn from solid rock, were built by women slaves brought from the countries about the Mediteranean sea. These canals drained the rich lands owned by Turnbull, who converted the old Spanish Mission into a sugar cane mill.

New Smyrna has been fortunate in being a division point of the East Coast railway's main line and also the terminal for two branch lines. But it has rested easily on its honors, growing as the business of the railroad increased and doing little to encourage visitors to enjoy the wonderful scenery, the excellent fishing and hunting and the sea bathing at Coronado beach.

The women of this city are progressive. They would have the city talked about. With no great fanfare, red fire or the use of brass bands, they have brought this about. A simple, almost unobtrusive booklet has been printed by the club. It tells of the beauties of this city, and, with quiet dignity, states that the old Spanish Mission the ruins of which are still standing, was built several months before the first settler reached St. Augustine.

St. Augustine has taken up the challenge and, no matter which side wins in the controversy, New Smyrna will be more generally talked about than she ever was before.

TO POSTPONE ROAD WORK UNTIL APRIL

NEW BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TAKES HOLD AND ELECTS C. F. BURGMAN AS THE CHAIRMAN.

That the road work now being done under contract between this city and Rose bay, in the New Smyrna special road and bridge district, and on the east end of the DeLand and Daytona road, in the Daytona special district, shall be discontinued until after the tourist season is ended, or until the first part of April, is the decision reached by the new board of county commissioners, which held its first meeting Tuesday at DeLand.

The reasons advanced by the commissioners are those suggested by the News several weeks ago, that the continuance of the road work through the tourist season is a detriment to the business interests of the county, and that if arrangements could be made to have the work stopped until after a majority of the winter visitors have left the state it would be more satisfactory all around. It is understood that the Daytona-New Smyrna road and the Daytona-DeLand road are to be put into good condition at once so that automobiles will have no trouble in traveling and that the roads will be kept in this condition until the contract work is started again.

The new board of county commissioners was organized Tuesday morning with the selection of C. F. Burgman of Daytona as chairman of the board and the board got down to business at once. The way the new commissioners took hold of matters indicates that they propose to give a strict business administration to the affairs of the county during the next two years.

The board decided to employ an experienced engineer as road superintendent, and will take its time in making the selection. In the meantime, Harvey Jones was employed for one month at a salary of $100 to look after county property and act as road superintendent

Landis, Fish & Hull were re-employed as attorneys for the board.

The regular meeting time of the board was changed from the first Monday in the month to the second Tuesday of each month at 11 o'clock in the morning.

WATER IS TURNED ON IN RIO VISTA EXTENSION

The extension of the water main from Clinch street to Rio Vista park was completed last week and the water was turned into the main for a test Wednesday. Thursday the high pressure test was applied and the new main found to be in first class condition.

SWEET POTATO BREAKS POT IN EFFORT TO GROW LARGER

That you can't keep Florida from producing big sweet potatoes in spite of all sorts of hindrances, was proven to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pape upon their return here this week from Marietta, O. Before leaving for their northern home last spring, Mrs. Pape stuck a sweet potato into an earthern pot in the yard, little thinking that it would amount to anything. When they returned they found that it had grown without attention of any sort during the summer and produced one immense potato, which, not to be overcome, had persisted in pushing out until it had burst the earthen pot and was still growing outside. Things will grow in spite of everything in sunny Florida.

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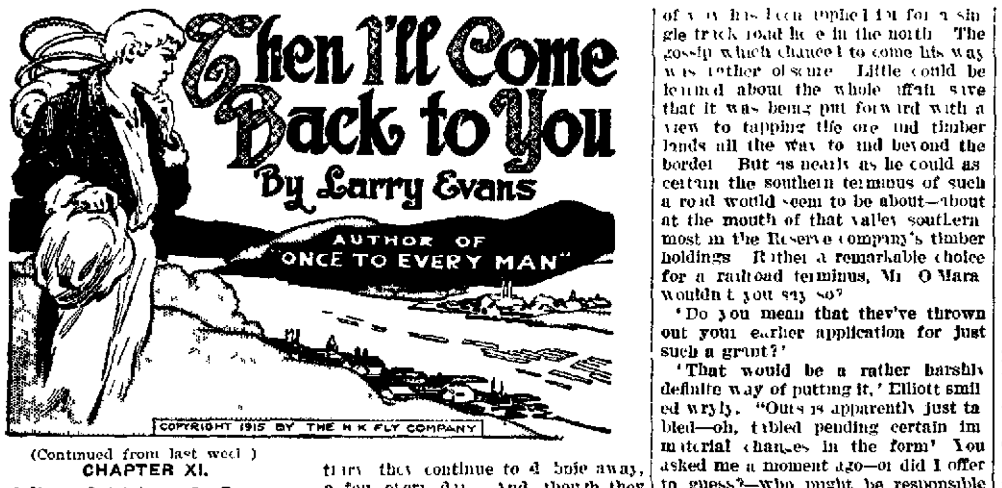


(Continued from last week)

CHAPTER XI.

I Never Did Like to Be Beaten.

STEPHEN O'MARA found Hardwick Elliott laughing alone in the East Coast company's main office, a big unpainted shed that stood half lost in a maze of high piled ties and way between the sawmills at the river edge and the most snarled network of switches converging on one reddish streak of steel that lanced into the north. He rose and held out a finely tapered hand.

"Now this is fine" he exclaimed. "This is really fine Mr O'Mara. Rather odd, too—coincidence and that sort of thing, I mean. Because I was just this instant wondering whether I had better send for you or wait until you just happened down river again."

In many ways the president of the East Coast company reminded Steve of Caleb Hunter, even though there could be no two things more in contrast than the latter's calm and comfortable bigness and Elliott's thin and wiry and extremely nervous exterior. It was a similarity due entirely to the innate honesty of both men—such honesty as makes of every attempt at dissimulation an assured nonsuccess. And Miss Sarah had never anticipated her brother's clumsiest guesses with greater ease than did Steve sense that afternoon the weight of worry behind his employer's first effort at jauntiness. He nodded hopefully, it seemed.

"Something else gone wrong?" Steve asked. "Or are you going to tell me that McLean is still having trouble with that curve of his?"

"No" he replied. "No we've got that laid or at least practically so. No it's not the work itself. You know the first few miles at this end afford pretty plain sailing. We figured on that or we wouldn't stand any chance of finishing the job. And we are quite

McLean Pinned Him Up Against the Embankment

nicely ahead of [illegible] But have you [illegible] by any chance [illegible] of discontent [illegible] spirit at Thirty Mile?"

Elliott eased himself [illegible] into his chair at the [illegible] of the question. Repugnantly he jerked a thumb in silent invitation toward a plate of sandwiches. It indicated most clearly the state of his appetite—that gesture and Steve could not help but smile a little as he refused.

"No more than the usual disturbances" Steve answered. "I have more or less trouble holding them—some of them over the week ends of course. But then that's always to be expected. They aren't the sort of men that go to make up the general run of construction squads. One of my main reasons for wanting them was the fact that they were rivermen hardened to swamping and white water work and that kind of thing. In a pinch they're good for twenty four hours a day over stretches that would take the heart out of most gangs. I don't know of anything that can beat a lumberjack on a squeeze job once you get him to realize that he's up against long odds. It's this ten hour a day thing and too much ready money every pay day that's a bit too temptingly close that makes them a—a trifle temperamental, Mr Elliott. Is that what you mean?"

Elliott pondered for a moment.

"That entirely duplicates what McLean said just a day or so ago." On any other lips Elliott's deliberate neatness of phrase might have sounded solemnly funny. "Thoroughly logical of course—thoroughly possible. And yet somehow it doesn't fit the case. We've had the usual Monday morning vacancies right along, as you know but the delinquents always turned up before the 5 o'clock whistle blew or at least reported Tuesday morning. But this is the end of the week, and we're short right this minute very close to thirty men. They aren't coming back, Mr. O'Hara. On the contrary they continue to drop away, a few every day. And though they appear to do nothing but talk their time away in the saloons in the lower end of the town they seem to have just as much money to spend as they did when they were getting their time checks from us."

"What sort of talking?" Steve wanted to know.

"That's just it" Elliott exclaimed. "Their talk leads nowhere. I went down and attempted to find out what their grievance might be but they close up like clams whenever I come within earshot. They stare at the ceiling, rub their chins and laugh when there's nothing to laugh at. This morning however, I finally convinced McLean that something was radically wrong. So he took one of them who had just decided to quit and pinned him up against the embankment—but you know McLean and his methods—he shoved his jaw up within an inch of the other's nose and invited him to talk and—well he found out enough to make him begin to worry too. Somebody's been talking to them, Mr O'Mara. Somebody has put the fool notion into their heads that this strip of railroad will mean the end of all lumber operations in this country—the old time river drives of course. And some of them are beginning to believe whoever was responsible for that statement.

"You know and I know how absurd it is. We know that this road will mean work for every riverman in this section as often as he wants to work. But it isn't going to help us if they can't see it that way. It isn't going to replace the men who quit. I've been deliberating one point. Don't you suppose we might import a regular squad of construction men now before it's too late?"

"It's too late now." Steve told him his words none the less final for all that they were absently quiet. "It was too late the day we began operations. And yesterday at this time I wouldn't have given much worry to this particular brand of trouble. They're an odd lot. They're the hardest working hardest living crowd of big men that ever failed entirely to grow up. But since yesterday—since yesterday—who did you say was responsible for that statement, as you call it?"

"I didn't say. And if I—if I had to guess—" The hand passed across his eyes now. "O'Mara do you know how deeply Mr Annesley and myself are involved in this prospect?"

"I don't believe I have ever given it much actual thought," Steve replied. "I never viewed it as any of my affair. But I haven't forgotten the last time we talked the plans over that you [illegible]."

"Of course," Elliott answered quickly. "Of course [illegible]. He [illegible] then gave up [illegible] [illegible] with the thought [illegible]

"I'm [illegible] Mr Annesley [illegible] Annesley wouldn't have [illegible] his [illegible] we [illegible] our obligations. You must know as well as I do why the lumbering interests of our paper to those mounts which made it possible for us to drive the first spike."

When he failed to go on Steve understood that the last sentence had been a question.

"Mr Allison I suppose." His voice became utterly impersonal. "Without doubt you mean Mr Allison."

"They would have laughed at us" the older man came back instantly. "And what is more they did! They wouldn't touch the proposition until Allison came in with us. And then—but you know what Dexter Allison has done already in this country. I don't know what he started with. I do know that all that Annesley and I had scraped up between us looked like a shoestring to him.

"We couldn't move until he of his own accord expressed his enthusiasm for the plan and elected to share in the holdings. You know perhaps how he can laugh at [illegible]. Well he laughed that way and confessed that we had just beaten him to it. He said it would tap a gold mine, this strip of steel, as he called it. He even told us that he'd paralleled our road with a competitor jokingly to be sure if we hadn't tied up the only available and practicable right of way.

"He came in. He opened up merely through his own name and all there is behind it more possibilities for which we might have struggled uselessly the rest of our lives without his help. Between us Mr Annesley and I just managed to hold the balance of stock control and—and that's how deep we are in, Mr O'Mara."

Both men sat and smoked, each avoiding elaborately the other's eyes. After a long pause Elliott cleared his throat laboriously.

"This morning" he continued slowly—"this morning I am in receipt of a communication from Mr Annesley himself advising me that another right of way has been applied for for a single track road here in the north. The gossip which chanced to come his way was rather obscure. Little could be learned about the whole affair save that it was being put forward with a view to tapping the ore and timber lands all the way to and beyond the border. But as nearly as he could ascertain the southern terminus of such a road would seem to be about—about at the mouth of that valley southernmost in the Reserve company's timber holdings. Rather a remarkable choice for a railroad terminus, Mr O'Mara, wouldn't you say so?"

"Do you mean that they've thrown out your earlier application for just such a grant?"

"That would be a rather harshly definite way of putting it," Elliott smiled wryly. "Ours is apparently just tabled—oh, tabled pending certain immaterial changes in the form! You asked me a moment ago—or did I offer to guess?—who might be responsible for the report which is costing us our men. I wonder if I need to tell you who controls this new northern route?"

"Maybe you've been telling me," Steve came back coolly. "You have already mentioned"—

"Wickersham!" Hardwick Elliott corrected. "Wickersham—that is through allied interests which he represents or controls. O'Mara, I doubt if I would even insinuate this to any one else, I haven't even intimated it to Annesley as yet. Wickersham is reputed to represent huge moneyed foreign interests. But have you ever stopped to wonder whether he might not represent big local interests as well? I'd like to ask you—what do you think?"

"Yesterday," Steve answered, "yesterday—well! I couldn't guarantee just what I might have thought twenty four hours back. But doesn't one fact remain unchanged still no matter what we think? Suppose we admit that some one else does want this stretch of track we're laying. Suppose somebody is figuring on picking it up cheap at a bankruptcy price if we forfeit to the Reserve company. You know yourself that you would never have begun it simply for the profit there will be in moving the Reserve [illegible] the millions on millions of feet of lumber [illegible] east and west [illegible] [illegible] anything, but a [illegible] [illegible] with us [illegible] We were going through to the border [illegible] And [illegible] some one else is betting that we don't—[illegible] some one else is betting that we can't [illegible] to this end of the line before the 1st of May that doesn't [illegible] any one else any does it. Even though we suspect that some man is playing us to lose do we have to know exactly who he is?"

Slowly but very surely the older man's face began to smooth.

"Once or twice" he stated, "I've thought to anticipate you perhaps because I have it on you a little, as they say, in the matter of years. I'm not going to attempt it any more, for I thought that this conversation would be at least a surprise to you. You sit there and take it very quietly for a man who has been badly startled."

"[illegible] has been [illegible] it for a month. Oddly enough Stephen O'Mara chose that point at which to laugh softly. "And I for a month have been [illegible] him. That's one of [illegible] pet diversions you know. When all [illegible] excitement fails he invariably falls back [illegible] [illegible] too [illegible] to be wasted on [illegible] I laughed at him until last night. Do you—but [illegible] you know Carey Devereau [illegible]

[illegible]

"[illegible]" replied Steve, and for the first [illegible] his entrance there was nothing of the [illegible] of their laughter.

"It all brings us back to the point from which we started," the younger man went on when they were grave again. "It's a plain enough issue so far as we are concerned. We've got to be at the mouth of that lower valley by May. We're going to be! And as I see it wasting time and energy in—shall we call it sleuthing, Mr Elliott?—won't help us much. We thought that [illegible] time and the general nature of this country were going to be [illegible] But now [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] I never did like to be beaten [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] We know the cards we hold. If others care to sit in perhaps we'll all come to a showdown in the spring at Thirty Mile. It'll be easy enough [illegible] just how we did it. Annesley [illegible] question would not interest the Reserve people much if we left their timber there to rot. * * * And I'm trying not to overlook my bets, Mr Elliott."

Hastily the iron gray man thrust his hat back from his forehead. He came to his feet and crossed and clapped one hand upon Steve's shoulder.

"Next May!" he barked. "O'Mara I'm glad you came down this morning. I've been carrying a lot of those ideas around in my head until they had become nightmarish. But I'm through now. You won't hear me croak again. I staked what I had on you months ago. I'd do it again this minute. What's the odds after all who it is that's playing us to lose? It's [illegible] the fact that somebody may be [illegible] ing us that needs to occupy our attention. I'm done worrying. Do you hear? But what about those men who are quitting us? You are sure it would be unwise to import labor? It's cheaper, you know."

Steve too had risen.

"We'd have the prettiest kind of a scrap on our hands the first day we tried to use them," he explained. "It would be dead enough before we got through. I guess I'd better run right out and have a talk with McLean. He knows these men even better than I do and I'm almost one of them, you know. And I'll get a line on some of these delinquents who are crying calamity for the countryside. I'd better, because we'll need them. They simply haven't become thoroughly interested yet that's all. It will take something to jolt them, something to set them on fire. And then—then just watch my plaid shirted boys go! They'll eat up your sledge swingers!"

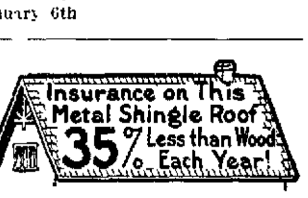
Something of that promised fire was reflected now in Hardwick Elliott's eyes.

"By Gad" he exclaimed, "by Gad, if it wasn't for Annesley I'd say the thing was worth it, win or lose, just for the game itself! You go ahead and see McLean. I'll be out there later myself. I promised Allison that I'd show the works to some of the young folks up there on the hill. His daughter—but I keep forgetting that you've known her longer than I have. There's quite a party of them. She announced her engagement to Mr Wickersham last night I believe. Heard that this morning. Was too busy to go up last night myself. Maybe you'll find time to help me play the host."

Steve turned toward the door. "So I heard" he replied, without facing around. "I'll try to be on hand."

(To be continued.)

Students of the Kentucky Military academy are expected to arrive at the winter headquarters of the school at Military Park near Eau Gallie on January 6th.



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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned [illegible] will on the twenty third day of January A D 1917 apply to the Honorable Park Trammell, Governor of Florida for letters patent incorporating them under the laws of Florida by the name and style of the Masonic Building Association of New Smyrna, Florida in accordance with the following articles of incorporation which they have adopted as their proposed Charter.

[illegible] at New Smyrna, Florida this 10th day of November A D 1916.

M. A. BRINSON
[illegible] HOWELL
[illegible] ROOD
C. C. HIRRICK
C. C. BECK
[illegible] GOODWIN
[illegible] MOSBY

PROPOSED CHARTER FOR THE MASONIC BUILDING ASSOCIATION

[illegible]

ARTICLE I

[illegible] Masonic Building Association of New Smyrna [illegible] business shall [illegible] State of Florida [illegible] State in the United States [illegible] [illegible] principal office [illegible] in the town of New Smyrna, County of Volusia and State of Florida.

ARTICLE II

The general nature of the business to be [illegible] transacted by the said corporation shall be:

(a) To purchase or erect and maintain a building or buildings for the use of Masonic and other Lodges and societies and for professional, mercantile, [illegible] retail and or manufacturing uses and purposes.

(b) To buy, own, lease, rent, exchange, mortgage, sell, convey and deal in real estate and personal property as owner, agent, trustee, broker or otherwise and to borrow money and to secure the [illegible] and money otherwise owing by deeds, mortgages, notes, obligations, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness.

(c) To buy, own, rent, operate, set, plant and cultivate orchards, groves and plantations of citrus and other fruits, tropical, semi-tropical and otherwise, for the raising, shipping and selling of products and by-products of crops raised and grown on said orchards, groves or farms and for the packing, canning, marketing, shipping, consigning and selling the crops, fruits and products of the same.

(d) To purchase, sell, lease, erect, operate and maintain factories for the making of anything necessary for their business and to purchase, sell, lease, erect, operate and maintain electric light and power plant for light, heat, power or other purposes, to purchase, sell, lease, erect, maintain and operate ice plant or plants and water works for the furnishing of water, ice and cold storage, acquire, purchase, build, own, run and operate boats, vessels and vehicles of all kinds whether propelled by electricity, steam or otherwise and to make, own, keep and maintain road beds for the same, to buy, own, lease, and control wharves, docks, railroads, right of way and water frontage, including riparian rights.

(e) To enter into partnership with any person, Company or corporation for the purpose of carrying on any business in connection with any of the above paragraphs, sections, sentences or parts of same as may by the Board of Directors be decided best.

(f) To manufacture, buy and sell at wholesale or retail or both any article of trade, commerce, to erect, acquire, own and operate any buildings for the manufacture of any of the aforesaid articles of trade or commerce and to run and operate stores or commissaries for the supply and handling of the same.

The enumeration of special powers shall not be held a restriction upon this corporation but it shall have full corporate power to do any and all things that may be convenient and necessary for the carrying on of its business in all of its parts and shall have all of the powers granted and authorized under the laws of Florida and the corporations organized under its laws.

ARTICLE III

The amount of the capital stock of this corporation shall be $20,000.00 divided into [illegible] shares at the par value of $100.00 per share. All or any part of the said capital stock may be payable in any money, property, labor or services at a valuation to be fixed by the incorporators or the directors and all subscriptions to the capital stock shall be paid as the By-laws shall prescribe.

ARTICLE IV

This corporation shall exist perpetually as provided by law. Article 5. The business of this corporation shall be conducted by a President and Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and a Board of not less than seven Directors of which the above named officers shall be members and such other officers, agents and employees as may from time to time be appointed. Any stockholder may hold any two of the above designated offices.

ARTICLE V

The first meeting of the incorporators under this charter shall be held at the office of the corporation in the Town of New Smyrna, Florida on the [illegible] the twenty third [illegible] January A D 1917 [illegible] for the purpose of adopting By-laws [illegible] of the corporation [illegible] the By-laws [illegible] of the stockholders [illegible]

[illegible]

All officers shall hold office for one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

The officers who are to manage the business of the Company until the first meeting in February 1917 shall be as follows:

President M. A. Brinson
Vice President [illegible] Howell
Secretary [illegible]
Treasurer [illegible]

The Directors shall be as follows: M. A. Brinson [illegible] Howell [illegible] [illegible] Beck [illegible] [illegible] Mosby.

ARTICLE VII

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation shall at any time subject itself shall be [illegible]

ARTICLE VIII

[illegible]

[illegible] who subscribed [illegible] the foregoing articles of incorporation [illegible] and acknowledged before me that they subscribed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and official seal at New Smyrna, State and County aforesaid this 10th day of November A D 1916.

H. I. HAMILTON
Notary Public

My commission expires February 11 1918.
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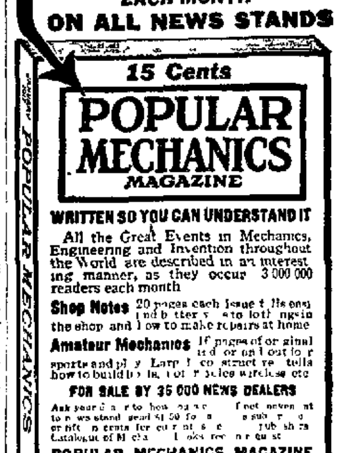

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NAVIGATION DISTRICT IS PROPOSED TO IMPROVE THE INLAND WATERWAYS

WOULD COMPRISE NEARLY A THIRD OF WHOLE STATE

MEETING WILL BE CALLED SOON FOR DELEGATES FROM ALL TOWNS TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSITION.

The article which follows, clipped from the Jacksonville Metropolis, of December 27th, is the first draft for publication of the proposed Navigation District. A hurried canvass of the territory to be included in this district finds all hands in accord with the movement.

Roughly speaking, the preliminary draft included the All East Coast route, the St. Johns River route connecting with the East Coast at Titusville, continuing up the St. Johns and connecting creeks and lakes to Kissimmee, thence down the Kissimmee River to Lake Okeechobee, across the lake and back to the coast through the canals to Ft. Lauderdale and Miami. Later we hear that the people of the Oklawaha valley want to join hands. Then comes news from Caloosahatchie River section that they want in.

To get the full sentiment of the people it will be necessary to hold a meeting at some central point to discuss all features of this plan and appoint a committee for active work. It has been suggested that there be invited to attend this meeting one delegate to represent each incorporated city and town, one delegate from each commercial body and one representative from each Board of County Commissioners, that especial invitation be extended to every State Senator and member of the State Legislature from the proposed district, to the State Officers, to the Florida delegation in Washington and the State representative of the U. S. Army Engineers.

So far but two cities have expressed a desire to entertain this convention, Sanford and Orlando. It is essential that a central point be selected for the convenience of all and since Ft. Myers has shown interest the claims of the two cities mentioned are especially well taken. Get your delegates lined up, select your time and place of meeting and let's get down to business. There is much to be done before this project is ready for presentation and the Legislature convenes in 90 days.

As an incentive to quick, decisive work, let us state that New York capital has already become interested and the construction of boats to navigate these waters is now under way.

The article taken from the Jacksonville Metropolis is as follows:

Proposing the formation of a "navigation district," similar in purpose to road and drainage districts, the object of which will be to build a ship canal through the heart of Florida, a meeting of representatives of commercial bodies and county commissioners of 15 counties to be effected by such a project will shortly be held at a point to be designated.

The project is original with P. A. Vans Agnew and already has received the hearty endorsement of everyone to whom it has been explained. Such an undertaking would entail the expenditure of not over ten million dollars and would provide a water route through the state, giving sheltered waterway from the western coast to the east and affording points adjacent to the canal low freight rates made possible by water carrier competition with rail lines.

Such a project, it is believed, would meet with the approval and assistance of the federal government, in that it would give the war department a means of bringing from the Gulf to the Atlantic light draught vessels, fleet tenders and torpedo boat destroyers, by an inland route, affording protection from possible bombardment in time of war.

Combine Two Routes

It is the idea of the promoters of the idea that such a plan will once and for all settle the contention formerly displayed between East Coast and central Florida towns over the subject of inland waterways. Harmonizing these interests by making a canal, or two, if necessary, giving a choice of routes and, at once affording Florida interests, public and private, an ideal means of transportation is expected to find a ready sympathy.

Pro-rate the Cost

It is the suggestion of the originator of the idea that the expense of such a project, at least half of which would probably be borne by the United States government, be born by property owners benefitted by the project. Such a vast acreage would receive a direct and material benefit that the individual cost per acre would be less than one-half mill on the dollar valuation, and such immense benefits would accrue to those whose property was effected, that no opposition is expected from this source.

Plans already discussed call for an effort before the legislature for the passing of a law authorizing the creation of "navigation districts" similar to road drainage or school districts; the appointment of a supervising board to handle preliminary details and the ultimate issuance and sale of bonds to cover the property owner's share of the expense.

Explanation of Plan

An explanation of the plan is given in the following statement by Mr. Vans Agnew:

"The main feature of the proposed bill would be the creation of an administrative board to be named either 'commissioners' or 'supervisors' of three or five or more, clothed with the fullest necessary powers; the power to borrow money for temporary organization cost purposes, to construct, either themselves, or under contract, water highways throughout the district; to purchase or condemn existing artificial water highways, to issue bonds to cover the construction or purchase cost, to employ engineers, attorneys, superintendents, etc., to levy taxes either for direct construction and maintenance, or for the redemption of indebtedness, and especially the power to invite the participation of the state and federal governments to negotiate with them and to enter into contracts with them.

"The advantage of handling a public improvement of this magnitude and character under statutory and legislative enactment, instead of attempting to accomplish it through individual effort or voluntary associations, must be obvious to any business man who has had practical experience in such projects.

Bonds at Premium

"The question of the scope and boundaries of the district is of the utmost importance. In my opinion it is imperative for the ultimate success of the proposition to combine the East Coast with the St. Johns river; otherwise, two navigation districts would be formed, which would continue to fight each in the same spirit of rivalry which has so far delayed the project and prevented the achievement of either plan. With a district of this size, comprising roughly one third of the state of Florida and including the city of Jacksonville and the wealthiest and most progressive portion of the state, the annual tax levy would obviously be a negligible quantity. The bond issue would find a ready market.

In fact, it would unquestionably be snatched up by bond houses and the bonds would practically sell at a premium

"Such district would certainly command the attention of the federal government. Behind it would stand the legislative and executive departments of the state governments, the commercial and property interests of one-third of the state of Florida and the united support of the Florida delegation in congress, besides powerful influences throughout the United States which are interested directly or indirectly in Florida proper.'"

The Fort Lauderdale board of trade has passed a resolution calling upon President Wilson to grant a pardon to Dr. C. E. Chambers, president of the Modern Land company, who was some time ago convicted for alleged fraudulent use of the mails in connection with Everglades land matters.

NOW IS THE TIME TO WORK

The following letter has been sent out this week to members and friends of the Association:

To Friend and Member:

The last convention of our Association, held at Ft. Lauderdale on Nov. 14th and 15th just past, certainly showed that the people of the East Coast are interested in improved water transportation.

The plans of the proposed Navigation District were immature at that time and not generally discussed, but the Board of Directors has heartily endorsed the plan since that time. "In union there is strength," and if, by joining hands with our neighbors, we can accomplish our object in a shorter time and at the same time lend a helping hand, let us all be made happy.

Read the Association News of Jan. 5th, a copy of which will be sent you, with care, then see that your friends are acquainted with its contents. We now need your active co-operation.

One thing more we need, and that very urgently, money. For the next 90 or 120 days the Association will be spending $150 to $200 a month, and we surely need your help. Friends, the long looked for goal is in sight. I especially urge you to prompt action in paying your dues and securing new members. Remember that the greater part of the expense of all enterprises falls upon a few. Remember, also, that it will take a great many single dollars to carry this campaign through, and the Association will especially appreciate all donations of $10 or $25 or any other sum to help carry this work through. There are undoubtedly many members of the Association who could carry the entire cost of this campaign and make it all up in a single year with a completed waterway, so be liberal this year, friends, and let us put this plan across. It is now or never, let it be now, and all help to the limit, being assured that no money will be spent except for the best interests of all.

Kindly send all checks to me at New Smyrna, and do it promptly, for quick action is necessary now, as the time is short.

Yours for success,

H. I. HAMILTON
Secretary-Treasurer.

SEES SOLUTION IN PROPOSED DISTRICT

SANFORD EDITOR BELIEVES FORMATION OF BIG DISTRICT WILL SOLVE INLAND WATERWAY PROJECT.

Sanford Herald: What seems to be a solution of the canal project and inland waterway is the so-called navigation district that is being brought to the attention of the people of the East Coast and the territory tributary to the St. Johns river. Harry Hamilton, secretary of the East Coast Canal association was here last week and met with the inland waterway committee and other members of the Sanford Board of Trade and a big meeting of all the directors concerned will be called at a date in the near future, probably here in Sanford, as this is the most centrally located city in the district. At this meeting plans will be presented to make a systematic campaign to have a bill before the next legislature for a law on the navigation districts.

The plan is that the impending session of Florida's legislature shall create a navigation district modeled after this state's drainage districts and special tax road districts.

The statute creating the navigation should provide an administrative board (of three or more) to have power (1) to borrow money for temporary organization purposes (2) to construct or have constructed water highways throughout the district, (3) to purchase or condemn existing artificial highways (4) to employ engineers, etc., (5) to issue such bonds as might be necessary to finance operations, (6) to levy annual taxes for canal construction and maintenance or to pay indebtedness occurred in construction, and (7) to engage the participation of the state and federal governments and to make contracts with them.

The taxes to be levied would, of course, be on only the property within the irrigation district—the territory the canals would benefit.

Such a district comprising about one-third of Florida and backed by the commercial and property interests thereof, and by the united support of Florida's delegation in congress, and also by the state's legislature and executive officials, certainly should command the attention and aid of the federal government.

There is little doubt that the national government would be willing to participate in a project having magnitude and organized standing such as

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INLAND WATERWAYS AND NATIONAL DEFENSE

Germany is a power that believes in the axiom "in time of peace prepare for war," and in a pamphlet entitled "Operationen uber See" (Over-Sea Operations)' a member of the German general staff, General Von Edelsheim, has recounted plans for the landing of German forces for an invasion of the United States. From that pamphlet the following very interesting observations are quoted:

"If Germany begins preparing a fleet of transports and troops for landing purposes at the moment when the battle fleet steams out of our harbor, we may conclude that operations on American soil can begin after about four weeks, and it cannot be doubted that the United States will not be able to oppose to us within that time an army equivalent to our own. . . .

"As an operation by surprise against America is impossible on account of the length of time during which the transports are on the way, only the landing can be effected by surprise. Nevertheless, stress must be laid on the fact that the rapidity of the invasion will considerably facilitate victory against the United States, owing to the absence of methodical preparation for mobilization, owing to the inexperience of the personnell, and owing to the weakness of the regular army."

The general then discussed the task which the invading armies could achieve, and continued in these words:

"Therefore, the task of the fleet would be to undertake a series of large landing operations, through which we are able to take several of these important and wealthy towns within a brief space of time. By interrupting their communications, by destroying all buildings serving the state, commerce, and the defense, by taking away all material for war and transport, and lastly, by levying heavy contributions, we should be able to inflict damage on the United States.

"For such enterprise a smaller military force will suffice. Nevertheless, the American defense will find it difficult to undertake a successful enterprise against that kind of warfare. Though an extremely well developed railway system enables them to concentrate troops within a short time on the different points of the coast, the concentration of the troops, and the time which is lost until it is recognized which of the many points of landing will really be utilized, will, as a rule, make it possible for the army of invasion to carry out its operation with success under the co-operation of the fleet at the point chosen. The corps landed can either take the offensive against gathering hostile forces or withdraw to the transports in order to land at another place.

"It should be pointed out that Germany is the only great power which is able to tackle the United States single handed."

The reason for the last statement is obviously that Germany is possessed of the three necessary elements of over-sea invasion—a great army, a great war fleet, and a great commercial fleet able to furnish transports.

The defense map of part of the Atlantic seaboard, printed elsewhere in this issue sufficiently suggests the possibility of hostile landing upon American shores under present conditions of national defense. There are no defenses of the great ports which could not readily be taken in the rear by an invading force landed at unprotected points. Especially available points would be Cape Cod Bay, the shore of Long Island, the shore of New Jersey and the shore line south of the Delaware Capes.

Due provision for the rapid assembling of a defensive fleet at any point of attack is one of the most important elements in our national defense, and this provision necessarily includes the connecting inside passages between the various bays and harbors making up the intracoastal waterway chain as advocated by this association, and recommended by the army engineers. It may safely be asserted that there is no more important project of public improvement now before the American people.—Bulletin of Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association.

POSTPONEMENT GRANTED BY THE ARMY ENGINEERS

The Association convention at Fort Lauderdale passed a resolution asking the board of army engineers for time to prepare for a hearing. In forwarding the communication to the board, a brief draft of the proposed navigation district was enclosed, and the following letter shows the kindly spirit of the board in their desire to assist us to attain our desired canal:

December 8, 1916.

Florida East Coast Canal Association,
New Smyrna, Florida.

Dear Sirs:

The board is in receipt of your communication of the 5th inst. requesting postponement of action in the matter of the unfavorable report in the Florida East Coast Canal project until those interested can prepare an answer to that report. In reply you are informed that action by the board will be withheld for such reasonable time as may be required for the above mentioned purpose. It is requested that the board be advised as soon as you are ready to take the matter up and in any case that you report not later than next spring of the progress made.

Very respectfully,
Francis R. Brink,
Lieut. Col., Corps of Engineers, Member.

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OBJECT

The object of this Association is to secure from the Federal Congress appropriations for the acquisition either by purchase or condemnation proceedings, the entire East Coast Canal from Jacksonville to Key West. To work in conjunction with the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association in the furtherance of their project.

"DEEP WATER," Our Slogan.

STATE SHOULD ASSERT RIGHT

Relative to the suit that the State of Florida is bringing against the Canal Company to compel said company to maintain the canal in accordance with the provisions of its charter, there has been much question and discussion as to just what the charter specifies.

In January, 1915, F. C. Elliott, chief drainage engineer of the State, made a report on the Florida Coast Line Canal to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. It appears that the original charter was changed from time to time, either by request of the company and agreed to by the State, or the Internal Improvement Board, or by order of the State or Internal Improvement Board and agreed to by the company.

In 1906 we find this:

"Second: The Canal Company shall maintain the Canal at a depth of six feet, and a width of 50 feet or greater along the entire line of the Canal, and in the event of the failure of the Canal Company so to maintain its canal the title of the same shall become vested in the State of Florida."

In the same agreement the State was to deed to the Canal Company certain lands, which was done, the company accepted the lands and disposed of them.

The company never has dug its entire canal six feet deep, neither has it maintained the required depth and width.

Again in 1910 a resolution of the Internal Improvement Board refers to the above mentioned conditions thus:—"It is incumbent upon the said East Coast Canal and Transportation company, under its contract with the trustees to maintain its canal at a depth of six feet and a width of 50 feet or greater along the eastern line of the canal, and in the event of failure so to do, the said canal shall become vested in the state."

Since that time no action of the trustees can be found which modifies the dimensions set forth.

Eleven years after this agreement between the Internal Improvement Board and the Canal company, in which time the company has supposedly completed its work and been paid in full by the state, we ask why the title of this canal is not now in the state of Florida.

The state of Florida gave to this private Canal company over 1,000,000 acres of valuable Florida land under contract that they dig and maintain a canal six feet deep and 50 feet wide from the junction of the St. Johns river and Pablo creek on the north, to the city of Miami on the south. The Canal company have failed in their contract. Now let the state assert her right, according to agreement, to the title of this canal and the people will see to it that it is maintained.

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The open season for beggars and grafters is on and Florida with its warm climate during the winter months offers a good field for these people who come south to escape the cold and pick up easy money while here. It seems to me New Smyrna never entertained so many beggars in the same length of time as have infested this city during the last few weeks. This class of persons is kept moving out of other towns and seems to find green fields in New Smyrna.

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What has become of the chautauqua committee of 45 members that signed up last winter for a return engagement this season? What's everybody's business seems to be nobody's business, but somebody ought to call that committee together and have arrangements made when the company sends in their dates for their entertainment here. Allowing for a liberal amount of criticism, it must be conceded that last year's course was by far the most refined entertainment provided here during the winter, and if we expect to continue with success something of the same nature, it is time to be planning for it.

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If you hired a superintendent to look after your business you would naturally expect him to be on the alert to protect and advance your interests at all times. In the controversy over who owns the paving material being dug up on Magnolia street ahead of the cement laying gang, the citizens have a right to expect the city officials to fight for the interests of the city as against individuals. If that paving material is worth anything and can be used to advantage on other city streets the city officials should be the first ones to use every effort to have the material so used. The material was originally paid for with city taxes and we elect city officials to look out for our interests in all matters.

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On all sides one hears it remarked that New Smyrna has more people here than ever before at this time of year. Many are making their first visit and we should be anxious to make their first impression a good one. To do so we ought to present our neatest appearance, but it is a deplorable fact that New Smyrna's general appearance this winter is slack and untidy. Many times before she has looked much neater and better kept. Why is it that the city officials and other property owners are not taking enough interest in attracting people here to clear the streets of bits of paper and other rubbish that are a disgrace to our good appearance? There are too many well kept cities along our coast for people to be satisfied where a spirit of slovenliness prevails.

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Sunday School Class Party

Mrs. W. H. Newell entertained her Sunday school class of girls last Thursday afternoon. Several games were played, among them a guessing contest in which Lavina Riley was successful in winning the prize. Fruit punch and cake were served.

Entertains for Cousin

Honoring her cousin, Miss Evelyn Schiffman, of Greensboro, N. C., who has been spending the holiday vacation here, Mrs. L. H. Elias pleasantly entertained at cards Friday afternoon. The living room was attractively decorated in holiday greens with red poinsettias and yellow marigolds intermingled. Several interesting games of five hundred were played, and when scores were added it was found that Miss Edna Greer held the highest and Miss Ruth Holly second. Miss Edna was awarded a pair of silk hose and Miss Ruth a box of dainty linen handkerchiefs. Miss Schiffman, as the guest of honor, was presented a georgette crepe collar. Following the games the hostess served a delicious two course luncheon, consisting of fruit cocktail, chicken salad and hot rolls with olives and salted almonds, and ice cream and cake with mints. The affair was one of the pleasantest given for the younger set during the holiday vacation. Those invited were: Misses Edna Greer, Genevieve Mathews, Elise Dupon, of Savannah; Mable Paul, Helen Thompson, Fearn Hibbard, Mildred Newberry, Mary Louise and Harriette Crane, Maud and Ruth Holly, and Mrs. W. B. W. Howe, of Hendersonville, N. C.

GEORGE F. CROUCH WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR SCHOOL BOARD

DeLand News: George F. Crouch, of Daytona, chairman of the Volusia county school board for the past four years, and re-elected for two years longer, failed to qualify for the office and will not do so.

Mr. Crouch finds that his business demands all his time and that he cannot longer afford to give the time necessary to properly fill the office of school commissioner.

Failing to qualify, it will be up to Governor Catts to appoint some one from the coast district to succeed Mr. Crouch.

His resignation will be a distinct loss to the county, as he has always worked for the good of the schools—and to keep the board out of politics.

Clarendon Dinner Party

Carl Hawkins will go to Daytona tomorrow to join a dinner party at the opening of the Clarendon hotel. The party will be guests of Dr. Meinhardi and will include besides Mr. Hawkins, Miss Marjorie Cramond and Miss Clover.

SERMON LECTURES ON MENTAL HEALING

Rev. Robt. A. George, pastor of the Congregational church, begins a series of Sunday evening lectures on Mental Healing next Sunday evening, January 7.

The subjects are as follows:

January 7—The History of Mental Healing.

Jan. 14.—Mrs. Eddy as a Teacher of Mental Healing.

Jan. 21—The Theology and Philosophy of Christian Science as a School of Healing.

Jan. 28.—Science and Health with a Key to Scriptures, a Book on Mental Healing.

Feb. 4.—The Healing of Christ and his Apostles.

Feb. 11.—The Emmanuel Movement in Mental Healing.

Feb. 18.—The Law of the Subjective Mind in Mental Healing.

Feb. 25.—The Law of Faith and Suggestion, the Basis of All Mental Healing.

Dr. George has given much study to this subject and speaks with the authority of an expert. In this series there will be a broad minded study of facts. All who are interested and open minded are invited to attend, except those who are members of other churches.

THE ELSON ART EXHIBIT

The management of the Elson Art Exhibit company's collection of pictures wishes to publicly acknowledge the services of those who worked to make the exhibition a success. To Geo. W. Marks, through whose interest and co-operation the pictures were brought to New Smyrna; to the ladies of the Episcopal Guild for the use of their hall which was so admirably suited to the purpose; to Mrs. S. M. Jones and Mrs. T. L. Howell, for the donation of refreshments, and to the latter and Mrs. Geo. Branning for attendance at the hall during sessions; to Mrs. W. C. Chowning for the musical program and other valuable assistance; to Miss Elsie Saxton, Louis and Kenneth Howell and Arthur Van de Sande for help in decorating the hall.

(Signed) Marie V. d. S. Frost,
Chairman Art Department,
Florida Federation Women's Clubs

Mayor McKay of Tampa has started a move to have the city purchase the plant of the Tampa Waterworks company, whose franchise expires in about two years.

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Electors of the Redland section of Dade county recently voted to issue $85,000 in bonds for the construction of hardsurfaced highways and bridges in that district.

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The city council of Jacksonville has appointed a standing committee to supervise the expenditure of the $5,000 recently appropriated for the purpose of nationally advertising that city.

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That it is only a matter of very short time until a railroad will be constructed from Lake Okeechobee to West Palm Beach is the opinion of those who were in close conference with Charles H. Baker, of New York, capitalist and promoter who has just terminated a stay of two days in West Palm Beach.

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The Florida Engineering society came into being a few days ago, when representative engineers from all parts of the state met in Jacksonville and adopted a constitution and by-laws and elected officers for the ensuing year. The membership includes representatives from the various branches of engineering.

By a vote of 764 to 72, the citizens of Jacksonville ratified the telephone franchise sought by the American Telephone and Telegraph company to build a long distance line through the city to connect with the line being built down the East Coast and thence by cable to Havana, Cuba.

WEATHER REPORT

for the week ending Jan 1, as reported by Frank J. Nordman, co-operative observer:

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
26	76	59	.00
27	79	58	.06
28	82	59	.00
29	82	57	.00
30	71	58	.00
1	76	50	.00
31	68	58	.00

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Stocks and Bonds	37,910.00	Dividends Unpaid	240.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,900.00	DEPOSITS	364,806.10
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LOCAL NEWS

*Let Herrick Fix it.

Mrs. Davis and son Jesse returned Sunday from a visit to Georgia.

Mrs. J. Cross and children of Port Orange visited Mrs. S. Ross this week.

*It is better than ever. New Smyrna Home Bakery.

*Rub-My-Tism—Antiseptic, Relieves Rheumatism, Sprains, Neuralgia, etc.

Mrs. J. J. Francis visited relatives in St. Augustine last week.

*Break your cold or lagrippe with a few doses of 666.

Mrs. S. P. Matthews spent several day this week in Palatka with her husband.

Mrs. N. L. Hay arrived Saturday from Palatka to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Riley.

*Ask for and be sure to get New Smyrna Home Bakery bread. It is the best and freshest.

Trinity Ladies' aid held a business meeting at the church Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Rowe and daughter May spent the week end in Jacksonville with relatives.

*For Sale—Choice improved and unimproved residence property. Cheap terms. G. H. CRANE.

W. B. Eckler returned to West Palm Beach Sunday after spending several weeks here with his family.

Mrs. Carrie Standish arrived Sunday from Fort Lauderdale to visit her sister, Mrs. R. S. Sheldon.

John L. Paterson, of Cocoa, stopped here Sunday and visited friends. He was on his way to DeLand.

Lavinia and Ruth Riley went to Jacksonville Tuesday to visit for a few days at the E. J. Rogero home.

Dr. and Mrs Robertson will arrive tomorrow from their home in Utica, Mich., to spend the winter here, as usual.

Miss Corinne Little left Tuesday for Douglass, Ga., where she is a teacher in the public schools. Miss Little had been spending the holiday vacation here and on a trip down the coast as far as Key West.

Mrs. Harry McCarthy, with her two children accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pape, here from Marietta, O., and went on Monday to Miami to join her husband.

*Dr. Farr, Osteopath, Wash. St.

James Stephens, father of Mrs. F. N. Holley, left Wednesday for his home in Logansville, Ga., after a two weeks' visit here.

Mrs. Zernie Hoover and two children returned Wednesday to St. Augustine after a visit of several days here.

Miss Whitney Hibbard went to DeLand Tuesday to visit for a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. S. Robinson.

Mrs. W. F. Adair returned to her home in Jacksonville Sunday, after a visit of ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Clouser.

Miss Ethel Faulk of Milton, Fla., arrived last Sunday and will spend the rest of the winter with her aunt, Mrs. G. C. Beck.

Joe Bryan has been helping out in both the Fidelity and State banks during the closing up of the books at the end of the year.

Foster Brown returned last week to Lakeland. He had been here to attend the G. W. Brown family reunion at Christmas time.

Hereafter Dr. E. J. Meinhardi will spend but two days a week in his office here on account of his private patients in Daytona.

Mrs. P. R. Lopez and children returned Tuesday from St. Augustine, where they had been visiting at the home of Mrs. Lopez's parents.

C. Pinder, who has been employed for several weeks in the train dispatcher's office, has resigned and returned Wednesday to Salem, N. C.

Dr. R. R. Niblack returned yesterday from Lake City, where he has been spending the holidays with relatives and friends.

Kenneth Arnold returned to Fort Pierce Sunday, after spending Christmas week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Arnold.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church, South, held their regular monthly business meeting at the church Tuesday afternoon.

Prof. and Mrs. R. S. Blanton are spending the holidays in south Florida with relatives. They are taking the trip by motor.—Live Oak Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Byers and daughter, of Philadelphia, are recent arrivals who will spend some time here. They are located at the Ocean House.

Mrs. C. J. Norman and children arrived home yesterday from Mandarin, where they were called several days ago by the death of Mrs. Norman's mother.

You can get anything but money and postage stamps printed at the New Smyrna News up to date printing shop.

*All work guaranteed by Herrick.

W. L. Lopez and family, who moved to Eustis several months ago, have returned and will again make their home here.

J. B. Lawton, of New Smyrna, spent Christmas in this city at the home of has father-in-law, Rev. J. S. Chapman, where his wife is a several weeks guest.—Lake City Reporter.

Rev. and Mrs. Kinner Hollister returned yesterday to their home in Alachua, after spending the holidays with Mrs. Hollister's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown.

Von Berg Arnold, who has been employed for some time in the Home Bakery here, left Sunday for West Palm Beach, where he has accepted a position as foreman of Gibson's Bakery.

Miss Nina Hawkins of the St. Augustine Record staff, and her brother, Howard E. C. Hawkins, spent New Year's here with their brother, Carl. They returned home Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. Copeland returned the latter part of last week to their home in Jacksonville, after spending the holidays with Mrs. Copeland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown.

Miss Evelyn Schiffman, of Greensboro, N. C., who has been spending the holiday vacation here with her cousin, Mrs. L. H. Elias, returned Tuesday to Deland to take up her school work in Stetson university.

*Oranges and grapefruit for sale in 10, 20, 40 and 80 lb. boxes; also loose fruit by the 100 or dozen. Packing house on Wayne avenue, west of railroad. W. E. SWOOPE. 27-tf.

Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Bonnett drove to Walton Saturday, where they formerly lived and visited friends, returning home Monday night. They were accompanied by Mrs. Bonnett's mother, Mrs. J. Y. Detwiler.

Judge and Mrs. T. J. Mitchell arrived Thursday from Bonneterre, Mo., and are located for the season at Mrs. Virginia Skipper's. They are happy to get back to New Smyrna and its delightful winter weather.

Miss Harriett B. Welch, one of last year's public school teachers, stopped off here Saturday on her return to Fort Lauderdale, where she is teaching this year. She had been attending the teachers' convention in Arcadia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pape arrived Monday from their northern home in Marietta, Ohio, and are comfortably located for the rest of the season in their home on Faulkner street. Mr. Pape says there are several more people yet to come from their section of the country.

Miss Lelia Brandt returned home Monday from Miami, where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Lyle Hammond, and went to St. Augustine Tuesday to visit friends for the rest of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Pence, accompanied by Miss Frier, drove to Jacksonville Saturday. They returned Wednesday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lyons, parents of Mrs. Pence, who have come from Olaton, Ky., to spend the winter here.

Chas. Lee and Miss Marjorie Cramond, who have been stopping at the Ocean House for several weeks, left Thursday for Daytona and will spend the winter there with Mr. Lee's brother, Frank H. Lee. They are located temporarily at the Morgan, waiting for the opening of the Clarendon.

Frank Noble, wife and daughter and brother, Broughton Noble, arrived Friday from Plantsville, Conn., and are located at Mrs. C. E. Pitzer's for the winter. They are friends of the Geo. S. Allen family of Plantsville, and have spent other winters here.

Mrs. N. F. Brandt returned Sunday from St. Augustine, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Hazel, and Miss Marguerite Stanford of Philadelphia, a guest at the Hotel St. George, where Miss Hazel is located. The young ladies spent New Year's here, returning to St. Augustine Tuesday.

M. H. Jones of the University of Florida, who has been spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. G. C. Beck, left Tuesday for DeLand to attend the students' council that is in session there this week. Mr. Jones is a law student and goes as a delegate from that institution.

Several auction players met at the Woman's club Wednesday night and engaged in several games. Mrs. E. A. Latham and Mrs. J. P. Teats received prizes for high score. Chicken sandwiches and coffee were served by Mesdames J. H. Hibbard and E. E. Neal, who gave the party for the benefit of the Woman's club.

*Let Herrick Fix it.

John Y. Detwiler left Sunday for Tallahassee, where he planned to attend the inauguration of Governor Catts Tuesday and spend several days in the capital city on business and discussing proposed legislation which will be considered by the session of the legislature this spring.

Students Go Back to School

The students who have been spending their vacations here have all returned to their school work this week, among them being Irene Brown, Duval high school, Jacksonville; Zelia Wilson and Quinton Parker, Woman's college, Tallahassee; Harriette Crane, Fearn Hibbard, Donald and Floyd Murray, Stetson university, DeLand; Dan Smith, Will Lourcey and Juan Bibolini, State university, Gainesville.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of RONNOC GROVE CO., a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Florida, will be held at its office in New Smyrna, Fla., on the 8th day of January, 1917, at 3:30 o'clock p. m.

MAURICE W. ASHTON,
Ass't Sec'y.
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Installation Monday Night

The newly elected officers of Dolores Chapter, number 3, Order Eastern Star, will be installed next Monday evening, January 8. A social session will follow the regular work. Visiting members are invited to attend.

Appreciate Home Patronage

The managers of the Ocean House express themselves as well pleased with the success of their opening dinner New Years night, and wish to thank the people of New Smyrna for their liberal patronage and help in making the affair a success.

C. M. DALY WILL CONTINUE FOREMAN AT RAILROAD SHOPS

It is reported that C. M. Daly whose resignation as foreman of the railroad shops, located here, was announced to take effect January 1 has reconsidered the matter, and will continue in the same position. Mr. Daly has been allowed an assistant whose help will lighten somewhat the heavy work he has been doing.

Boy Scouts Camping

About a dozen of the Boy Scouts have been spending the week at Lake Ashby. They left by train Saturday morning for Indian Springs and from there walked to Lake Ashby, carrying blankets, cooking utensils and provisions with them. They were accompanied by Scoutmaster A. Cary-Elwes.

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Surprise Mrs. Montaigne

Twenty-two of the neighbors and friends of Mrs. R. L. Montaigne gave her a surprise party last Tuesday. They went in tacky costumes and carried along a liberal supply of coffee and cake which was served after some time spent in various sorts of amusement pleasing to all

Attends Inauguration

Gilbert D. Webster returned Wednesday from Tallahassee, where he went to attend the inauguration of Governor Catts and enjoy the ceremonies in connection with the inauguration. He says the ceremonies were very impressive and were witnessed by the largest crowd ever in Tallahassee.

Dr. Carnine Speaks Here

Dr. Carnine came over from DeLand Thursday and preached that evening in Trinity Methodist church. His subject was "The Condition and Unification of Methodism," and a good sized audience of church people were present to hear his splendid discourse. Friday evening he preached in the Methodist church at Coronado.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lyle and little daughter, Evelyn, arrived Sunday from Daytona and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Carrol, and visiting other relatives and friends. Mr. Lyle returned Monday evening to Daytona, but Mrs. Lyle and little daughter will visit relatives at Adel, Ga., before returning to their home at Daytona.—Live Oak Democrat.

Death of Tanner Child

The four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tanner died Wednesday afternoon from a complication of diseases originating with measles. The best medical aid and attention was provided but the little body was too frail to withstand the attack. The father and mother are sadly bereaved over the loss of their little one, their only child, and have the sympathy of all in their hour of sorrow. The body was prepared for burial by the R. S. Maley undertaking establishment and was forwarded yesterday to Macclenny for burial.

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McKeown Girls Entertain

About twenty-four young people of the town enjoyed a pleasant time last Saturday night as guests of Miss Dorothy and Catherine McKeown, at their winter home on Magnolia street. Some time was spent in dancing and a delicious Welsh-rarebit was served afterward. This was one of several pleasant holiday affairs enjoyed by the young people.

Current Events Club

There will be a meeting of the Current Events club next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Woman's club. Each member is asked to be prepared with two interesting current events concerning foreign, national and state affairs. All members are expected to attend, and any one also who is a member of the Woman's club is cordially invited.

Injured Trainman Improved

Harry Buchanan, the East Coast road trainman, who had his foot crushed in the coupling of two freight cars at Cocoa several weeks ago, has so far recovered as to be able to leave the railroad hospital at St. Augustine and came back to New Smyrna Tuesday. He will be compelled to use crutches for some time, but feels fortunate that amputation of the injured member was not necessary.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

W. Walton Crawford arrived Friday from New York to assume the duties of Superintendent of the New Smyrna Public Service company, which position was made vacant by the promotion of J. C. Lyle to Daytona several months ago. Mr. Crawford is a young man of pleasing personality and he and his wife, whom we understand are newly-weds, will be cordially welcomed by the people of New Smyrna.

Auction at Carson's

Mrs. C. A. Carson entertained the Auction club Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. K. L. Chilton held high score and received a book on "Scientific Auction." The hostess served a salad course with sandwiches and coffee. The following were playing: Mesdames J. P. Teats, C. L. Davis, E. E. Neal, Geo. Crane, E. A. Latham, J. H. Hibbard, H. L. Rood, C. W. Pennell, G. H. Werfleman, P. A. Powers, C. A. Pittenger and K. L. Chilton.

Music Class Recital

The piano pupils of Mrs. E. L. Greer gave their semi-annual recital at her home last Friday afternoon. There were present to enjoy it several of the parents and friends of those taking part. The class includes fifteen, varying from near beginners to those who have been studying for some time. As usual each one showed considerable improvement since the last recital, reflecting much credit upon their instructor, Mrs. Greer. After the recital refreshments of fruit punch and cakes were served and a social half hour enjoyed by the pupils and their guests. The class includes Edith Newell, Whitney Hibbard, Ruby Yarbrough, Mildred Wilson, Nellie Ferreira, Eleanor Wilkinson, Ruth Riley, Virginia Chowning, Elizabeth Ireland, Charlotte Eckler, Pearl Woodward, Lola Yarbrough, Gladys Wilkinson, Zelia Frances Bouchelle and Valerie Yarbrough.

AFTERNOON CARD PARTY WILL BE GIVEN FOR WOMAN'S CLUB

Next Wednesday afternoon there will be a card party at the Woman's club for the benefit of the fund for running expenses. There will be an opportunity to play both auction and five hundred. Those who like to play cards and are interested in helping out the club are urged to attend. The games will begin at half past two. Mrs. J. H. Hibbard and Mrs. E. E. Neal representing the house committee, will act as hostesses.

NEW GAS ENGINE WILL BE RECEIVED HERE SOON

The Bibbs gas engine which was purchased some time ago by the city to use for pumping the water from the well site west of the city to the elevated tank, is now being tested by the engine people and will be shipped to New Smyrna within the next few days, according to information received by the city council. A telegram read at the meeting of the city council this week contained the information that the engine will be here soon. The base for the engine has been prepared and it will be set in place as soon as it arrives.

Sanitary Inspector Resigns

Josh Blount has resigned as sanitary inspector for the city of New Smyrna and has gone to Miami, where he has accepted a position and will remain indefinitely.

Christian Endeavor Social

The members of the Christian Endeavor of the Congregational church will hold a social in the parlors of the church next Tuesday evening, January 9. There will be games and a general good time, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

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State Geologist Sellards and Prof. Hay Concur in Opinion after Study of Fossil Found at Vero---Say Men Grew 12 Feet Tall.

That human beings inhabited the North American continent more than 125,000 years ago has been conclusively proven through a recent discovery in this state by E. H. Sellards, state geologist, and Prof. Oliver P. Hay, who have made a study of the fossil. Though their opinions are not fully concurred in by other scientists, they are positive that their researches have been thorough and there is no room for a mistake.

The discovery was made several months ago, and though nothing of a definite nature had been given out until recently, it is now officially stated that human bones intermingled with those of the mastodon, saber tooth tiger, and many other extinct animals that formerly ranged this hemisphere have been found. The deposit was found near Vero.

That the human beings were of enormous size is evidenced by the bones. It is thought some were ten or twelve feet in height. Some excellent specimens of the skeleton of these gigantic men have been found, some of them locked in the deadly embrace of great animals, with strange weapons of bone clutched in skeleton hands a foot long. It is thought the reason so many animal bones had been found with those of the human skeletons is because they were possibly engaged in deadly fights with them and fell victims to the superior strength of the animals after they had wounded them.

After the deposit was found at Vero six geologists and anthropologists hurried there and began a research. After delving into the ancient caves and fitting together the bones of the extinct animals into weird skeletons they made a report in the January-February issue of the Journal of Geology.

Mr. Sellards is quoted as saying that the deposit was the oldest from which human remains have ever been taken. If this research proves to be all that the scientists think it is, the world at large will be astounded to know that the things which have long been suspected are true.

There are many who believe Bering Straight was crossed ages ago by inhabitants of European countries who probably had to flee across the Stanovoi mountains of Siberia. It is only a short stretch which could have been made in an open galley and they could have made their way from Alaska and gradually worked down into this uttermost part of the North American hemisphere, seeking the most natural thing in the world, which would be the climate.

It is not at all impossible that people even then did not realize that the climate of this peninsula was superior to that of any other country in the world. Mr. Sellards is quoted as saying in his advance sheets of the report:

"The study of the fossils of this stratum, although not yet completed, has brought to light a considerable number of extinct species, which suggest the reference of the deposit to the pleistocene period. This is the oldest deposit from which human remains have ever been taken."

Dr. Hay, who is research associate of the Carnegie Institute of Washington, expresses similar views as those quoted by Mr. Sellards. The reports of four other scientists are not in favor of the idea expressed by Dr. Hay and Mr. Sellards. They do not believe that the human race existed on this continent before the glacial period. These four scientists are Prof. R. T. Chamberlain, University of Chicago; Thomas Wayland Vaughan, United States Geological Survey; Dr. Alex Hardlick, United States National Museum, and Prof. George McCurdy, of Yale University.

A FASHION AUTHORITY SPEAKS

There is no longer any doubt about the fashions of 1917, says Harper's Bazar in its January number, now ready. The straight cut "little" dresses express the spirit of the moment in elegance and novelty. But the term "simplicity," applied to them, is merely comparative, for materials are of a richness heretofore unknown.

And, a few pages further along in a fashion article signed by the great New York fashion originator, Henri Bendel, we come upon these ominous words—ominous for husbands and fathers who must pay the dressmakers' bills. "At Palm Beach nowadays, the woman puts on one of her dozen good looking sports costumes in the morning, and wears it straight through until dinner. Three years ago a woman had to dress at least four or five times a day; wearing one gorgeous creation after another. But let not anyone imagine that this change means any less expenditures. On the contrary. The most delicate and costly fabrics are used for sports clothes, and the wardrobe costs just as much as in the old days, perhaps more."

We recommend this January Harper's bazar to all ladies among our readers, but, as suggested above, it might be wise to conceal its fashion predictions from the man behind the family check book.

LOW TIDES ON THE BEACH

Afternoon and forenoon tides come at approximately the same hour and minute

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7	11 18	12 56	1 06	12 48	1 [illegible]
8	12 41	1 37	2 20	1 11	2 [illegible]
9	1 17	2 11	2 50	1 37	2 [illegible]
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SEES SOLUTION IN PROPOSED DISTRICT

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this. The federal authorities would be assured of the good faith and financial standing of the other contracting party—the navigation district.

Two small port navigation districts were formed in Texas, one in Oregon and one in Louisiana. In each instance the federal government promptly contributed one-half to the expenses.

The enlistment of the national government would be asked on the basis that expense of canal construction be equally born by the nation and by the drainage district—on the principal which is involved in the aid that the national government is extending the state governments in the construction of hard roads.

It is possible that more than fifty per cent of the expense in this case might be granted by federal authorities on the ground that it would be strengthening the national defense.

The St. Johns river and its tributary canals would afford safe barborage for light draught naval and commercial vessels in time of war—especially the fleet tenders. Florida bears an important position geographically, in relation to naval and commercial movements on the seas in this part of the North American continent.

The scope and the boundaries of the proposed canal or navigation district are of great importance. Its success imperatively demands, first of all, the combination of the East Coast section with that of the St. Johns river region, say the originators of the project. Otherwise two navigation districts would be formed and these would continue to contend against each other in the rivaling spirit which heretofore has obstructed waterway improvements in these districts.

The proposed navigation district would embrace approximately one-third of Florida's area, or more. It is the wealthiest section of the state.

The annual tax levy for the expense would be so negligible that it scarcely would be felt. It is believed certain the bond issue would be eaderly taken at a premium.

In view of these facts and of the general benefits involved, there seems little doubt that the project will receive strong support from the members of the legislature who live in the sections affected. Members from other sections should not have any cause to object to it.

EARLY POTATO CROP WILL BRING GOOD PRICES

Florida potato growers will find a ready sale for their spring crop at high prices, according to reports on the potato situation in the United States. There will be few, if any, potatoes left in storage by spring, and the southern truckers will be called on to supply the market until the main summer or fall crop farther north can be grown and harvested.

Unfavorable weather cut the main crop short in the northern growing regions, and the late crop, which is usually grown for seed, has been sold in part for table use at high prices. While this condition insures the southern trucker a good price for his early potatoes, it means also that he must pay a high price for his seed.

The high prices that will be offered for seed will induce some dealers to dump a low grade of potatoes on the seed market, and the extension division of the University of Florida warns the farmers and truckers to be on the lookout for diseased stock, mixed varieties and wrongly named varieties. If the buyer is not a good judge of seed, he should deal with reputable dealers only.

Farmers and truckers should not let the high prices paid for their early crop induce them to overplant for the fall crop. The northern growers will be planting heavily and if the growing season is at all favorable, the market will be glutted at harvesting time, cutting the price to a low figure. The Florida trucker, with his distance from market and the necessary purchase of high-priced fertilizer considered may not find the fall crop profitable.

The Florida Baptist state convention will hold its 62nd annual session in Orlando, Jan. 8th to 11th, inclusive. The largest attendance in the history of the organization is being expected, and an excellent program has been prepared for the occasion. Several prominent out-of-state Baptists are on the program.

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According to State Shell Fish Commissioner T. R. Hodges, Florida's oyster industry is being seriously menaced by the leech, which is said to have already done serious injury to the beds at Port Inglis, Tampa and Cedar Key. He is making an effort to interest the federal government in an investigation with a view to extermination of the pest, which made its appearance only a short time ago.

Transportation by gasoline motor coaches between Jacksonville and Savannah will become effective on the Seaboard Air Line railway on the first of January. The coaches will carry 50 passengers and will travel at a speed of from forty to sixty miles an hour.

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An official announcement from the treasury department is to the effect that advertisements for the construction of DeLand's new postoffice building will probably be made not later than January 15th.

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Tourist headquarters, rest and reading room have been opened by the Lakeland chamber of commerce.

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Several army men of the United States war department are expected to come to Miami to enroll in the Curtiss Aviation school.

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New Year Resolving

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BULLETIN

Now is the time when so-called good resolutions are in order. It is about this time the newspaper humorists air their annual fusilade about the water wagon and discuss the "swear-offs" that are broken in the making. And about this same time the "young things," mostly boys in their near twenties, pair off in these two-some bargains to quit this, that or the other thing and fix a penalty for not living up to the contract that would break either of them tp pay. Somewhere between three and thirty days later they cancel the fettering prohibition together and neither pays—all even.

There is a psychological peculiarity about much of this new year swearing off, in that most of it is a renunciation of some individual habit and it doesn't make much difference to anybody body else whether or not the self-imposed obligation is kept. But there are some pledges that might be of general good all around. Would it not be a good proposition for us Floridians to make some New Year pledges to each other, whose keeping would have a real mutual benefit for all of us? Let's not be selfish in our promises and plans for 1917. Let's include in them some don'ts and some do's, that will make our big state a more worth while, a little more prosperous, a little more healthful.

Florida has a pretty good start along the health way. God gave her a good send-off with an incomparable climate, clear air, fresh water and lots of it, and a setting in the midst of an ocean of ozone. It has seemed so good, so inexhaustable, that we have come to believe that there isn't any other spot on the globe that can touch us and that we don't have to be careful like the people in what we consider less favored sections. But we're wrong about that. Pride goes before a fall, and some of us are mighty proud already—near the danger point—of what we have, that we never did a thing to keep it as we found and accepted it.

For climate and all the other things are not worth much to us if we don't use them right. Florida has a low death rate, probably a trifle lower than the average for the entire country. It ought to be a great deal lower than it is, and why isn't it?

Because we are careless and let ourselves "catch" malaria, and once having it we keep it and pass it along to the neighbors, instead of promptly stamping it out of our own private systems.

We encourage typhoid fever and make a menace of ourselves to the family and the community. We don't have to do it. We could prevent it in ourselves and in the family circle and we could help keep it out of the block and the neighborhood.

We could keep our own front yards and backyards, too, clean and healthful. We could insist that the table and house refuse should be promptly and properly disposed of, so as to injure or threaten danger to no one, not even ourselves. We could screen our houses against the flies and mosquitoes and keep the screens in working order all the time, summer and winter. We could have some evidence of cheer and refinement in front of the house, in a front window, even if it were only a pot of carefully tended flowers. We could—most of us—stop making perpetual, year-round nuisances of ourselves and do our part at least, to banish sadness and gloom from our immediate and personal surroundings. We might quit being perpetual grouchers and kickers.

This good cheer business is a mighty big help in the family as well as away from home. The man who covers a big, heavy burden with a smile is more likely to get help to carry his load than if he advertised his troubles in his face.

And some of the things that would be good promises for the New Year for the individual man might fit the whole community. The town has a sense of the importance of sightliness for it is always improving main street, laying out a park, adorning the best residence thoroughfare. But it doesn't wash its face or brush its shoes. It does little to discourage litter and ugliness for which there is no good excuse. It permits private property owners to maintain all sorts of gross ocular nuisances. If a place smells rotten it intervenes. Why not intervene when it looks rotten?

It would be mighty good for Florida—this 1917—if all of us who are glad we are Floridians, who are hoping big things for our state and who ardently and confidently expect the tremendous prosperity of the future, if we would consistently and honestly promise and do some of these things that will make her more healthful, something to reduce the sick and death rates and help win for Florida the distinction of the fewest deaths each year, for each thousand of her population, fewer than any other state or section in the Union. It is possible. Will you help this year? You never have before. Begin now.

GOOD BLOOD IN LIVE STOCK WILL PAY THE FARMER

Since the opening of good markets for livestock of all kinds at the Moultrie, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla. packing houses, farmers are beginning to learn from experience the lesson that good blood in livestock brings the greatest financial returns. No matter how much information is offered farmers through the various educational agencies, bulletins and farm papers, there is nothing that brings this subject home to some farmers as quickly as a touch through the pocketbook nerve.

For years packers have paid better prices for cattle and hogs that show evidence of breeding for beef and pork production, and that are uniform in size, quality and condition. Packers will continue to make these differences in prices because they know by experience it pays them better to select animals that will produce the highest percentage of high priced meats when slaughtered.

It will pay the farmer to follow these demands of the market. C. L. Willoughby, professor of animal husbandry, at the University of Florida College of Agriculture, relates the experience of a good farmer near Newberry who sold a car of well fattened native mixed hogs last week on the Jacksonville market for $7.30 per 100 pounds. Another carload of hogs showing a large proportion of Duroc Jersey blood sold the same day for $8.60 per 100 pounds, though they were lighter weight.

This sale convinced the farmer that he should grade up his herd with improved blood, and he immediately bought two purebred Duroc Jersey boars to use on his best grade sows, and also bought two purebred Duroc Jersey sows to provide boars for future use. He expects to be marketing in less than two years nothing but pigs that have at least half Duroc Jersey blood, and is confident of getting the higher prices offered by the market.

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21 Daily	47 Daily	*53 Daily	29 Daily	Corrected to November 16, 1916		30 Daily	*86 Daily	48 Daily	22 Daily
.....	8 00 PM	1.40 PM	9.40 AM	Lv ..... Jacksonville	Ar	7 50 AM	1.50 PM	9.00 AM	.....
.....	9.20 PM	2.50 PM	10.50 AM	Lv ..... St. Augustine	Lv	6.40 PM	12.25 PM	7.50 AM	.....
.....	9.59 PM	3.23 PM	11.33 AM	Lv ..... Hastings	Lv	5.49 PM	11.33 AM	6.54 AM	.....
.....	10.50 PM	3.38 PM	11.50 AM	Lv ..... East Palatka	Lv	5.32 PM	11.16 AM	6.35 AM	.....
.....	11.46 PM	4.24 PM	12.45 PM	Lv ..... Bunnell	Lv	4.37 PM	10.27 AM	5.29 AM	.....
.....	12.27 AM	4.59 PM	1.23 PM	Lv ..... Ormond	Lv	3.58 PM	9.51 AM	4.46 AM	.....
.....	12.30 AM	5.10 PM	1.36 PM	Lv ..... Daytona	Lv	3.45 PM	9.40 AM	4.33 AM	.....
.....	12.50 AM	5.26 PM	1.47 PM	Lv ..... Port Orange	Lv	3.33 PM	9.30 AM	4.20 AM	.....
.....	1.25 AM	5.50 PM	2.30 PM	Lv ..... New Smyrna	Lv	3.10 PM	9.10 AM	3.55 AM	.....
.....	1.40 AM	6.12 PM	3.00 PM	Lv ..... Oak Hill	Lv	2.20 PM	8.36 AM	3.08 AM	.....
.....	2.25 AM	6 45 PM	3.37 PM	Lv ..... Titusville	Lv	1.40 PM	8.03 AM	2.25 AM	.....
.....	2.53 AM	.....	4.09 PM	Lv ..... City Point	Lv	1.09 PM	.....	1.50 AM	.....
.....	3.03 AM	7.19 PM	4.17 PM	Lv ..... Cocoa	Lv	1.00 PM	7.27 AM	1.42 AM	.....
.....	3.06 AM	.....	4.20 PM	Lv ..... Rockledge	Lv	12.56 PM	.....	1.38 AM	.....
.....	3.40 AM	7.50 PM	4.52 PM	Lv ..... Eau Gallie	Lv	12.24 PM	6.57 AM	1.05 AM	.....
.....	3.50 AM	7.58 PM	5 01 PM	Lv ..... Melbourne	Lv	12.14 PM	6.47 AM	12.53 AM	.....
.....	4.31 AM	8.34 PM	5.43 PM	Lv ..... Sebastian	Lv	11.30 AM	6.09 AM	12.06 AM	.....
.....	5.50 AM	9.40 PM	7.00 PM	Lv ..... Fort Pierce	Lv	10.30 AM	5.15 AM	11.05 PM	.....
.....	6.25 AM	.....	7.32 PM	Lv ..... Jensen	Lv	9.42 AM	.....	10.10 PM	.....
.....	6 35 AM	10.26 PM	7.41 PM	Lv ..... Stuart	Lv	9.32 AM	4.22 AM	9.58 PM	.....
.....	7.23 AM	11.05 PM	8.26 PM	Lv ..... Jupiter	Lv	8.41 AM	3.35 AM	9.02 PM	.....
.....	8.05 AM	11.40 PM	9.00 PM	Lv ..... W. Palm Beach	Ar	7.55 AM	3.00 AM	8.20 PM	.....
.....	8.24 AM	.....	9.15 PM	Ar ..... Lake Worth	Lv	7.39 AM	.....	8.02 PM	.....
.....	8 51 AM	12.18 AM	9 38 PM	Ar ..... Delray	Lv	7 12 AM	2.21 AM	7 34 PM	.....
.....	9 55 AM	1.09 AM	10.30 PM	Ar ..... Fort Lauderdale	Lv	6.17 AM	1.28 AM	6.33 PM	.....
.....	10 05 AM	.....	10.42 PM	Ar ..... Dania	Lv	6.06 AM	.....	6.21 PM	.....
.....	10.20 AM	.....	10.53 PM	Ar ..... Hallandale	Lv	5.55 AM	.....	6.09 PM	.....
.....	11.00 AM	2.00 AM	11.30 PM	Ar ..... Miami	Lv	5.20 AM	12.35 AM	5.30 PM	.....
.....	.....	*2.15 AM	.....	Lv ..... Miami	Ar	.....	*12.20 AM	.....	.....
9.00 AM	.....	*3.10 PM	.....	Ar ..... Homestead	Lv	.....	*11 22 PM	.....	12.30 PM
9.05 AM	.....	*3.13 AM	.....	Ar ..... Florida City	Lv	.....	*11.18 PM	.....	12.20 PM
12.51 PM	.....	*5.12 AM	.....	Ar ..... Long Key	Lv	.....	*9 14 PM	.....	9.20 AM
3.00 PM	.....	*8.00 AM	.....	Ar ..... Key West	Lv	.....	*6.30 PM	.....	6.15 AM
See Note A	.....	5.30 PM	.....	Ar ..... Havana	Lv	.....	9.30 AM	.....	See Note B

*Trains 53 and 86 are not operated south of Miami on Sundays.
Note A—P. & O. steamships sail for Havana Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday only
Note B—P. & O. steamships sail from Havana Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday only.

Local Service Between Miami and Florida City

41 Daily	39 Daily	Electric Trains		40 Daily	42 Daily
2.35 PM	6.30 AM	Lv ..... Miami	Ar	9.25 AM	5.15 PM
2.45 PM	6.45 AM	Ar Coconut Grove Lv	Lv	9.05 AM	5.00 PM
2.52 PM	6.52 AM	Ar ..... Larkin	Lv	8.57 AM	4.53 PM
3.13 PM	7.13 AM	Ar ..... Perrine	Lv	8.35 AM	4.32 PM
3.23 PM	7.23 AM	Ar ..... Goulds	Lv	8.24 AM	4.20 PM
3.29 PM	7.29 AM	Ar ..... Princeton	Lv	8.18 AM	4.15 PM
3.45 PM	7.45 AM	Ar ..... Homestead	Lv	8.00 AM	4.00 PM
3.50 PM	7.50 AM	Ar ..... Florida City	Lv	7.55 AM	3.55 PM

PALATKA—EAST PALATKA

Lv East Palatka	5.30 AM, 3.45 PM,	9.40 AM, 5.40 PM,	9.50 AM, 10.15 PM.	11.59 AM,	5.00 PM
Ar Palatka	5.55 AM, 4.10 PM,	7.05 AM, 6.05 PM,	10.15 AM, 10.30 PM.	12.25 PM,	5.32 PM
Lv Palatka	6.00 AM, 5.00 PM,	8.00 AM, 6.15 PM,	10.45 AM, 10.35 PM.	3.00 PM,	5.32 PM
Ar East Palatka	6.25 AM, 5.25 PM,	8.25 AM, 6.40 PM,	11.10 AM, 10.50 PM	3.25 PM,	5.57 PM

203 Daily ex Sun.	201 Daily ex Sun.	ORANGE CITY BRANCH		200 Daily ex Sun.	202 Daily ex Sun.
3.10 PM	8.30 AM	Lv New Smyrna	Ar	1.05 PM	7.00 PM
4.03 PM	10.30 AM	Lv Lake Helen	Lv	12.10 PM	5.00 PM
4.14 PM	11.05 AM	Ar Orange City	Lv	11.56 AM	4.18 PM
4.20 PM	11.20 AM	Ar Orange City J	Lv	11.50 AM	4.10 PM

131 ex Sun.	OKEECHOBEE BRANCH		132 Daily ex Sun.
3.20 PM	Lv ..... New Smyrna	Ar	12.40 PM
3.30 PM	Lv ..... Maytown	Lv	11.45 AM
3.56 PM	Lv ..... Geneva	Ar	10.58 AM
4.14 PM	Lv ..... Chulusta	Ar	10.36 AM
4.30 PM	Lv ..... Bithlo	Ar	10.15 AM
4.43 PM	Lv ..... Pocataw	Ar	10.04 AM
5.42 PM	Lv ..... Holopaw	Ar	9.03 AM
6.25 PM	Ar ..... Kenansville	Lv	8.33 AM
7.25 PM	Lv ..... Osceola	Lv	7.37 AM
7.35 PM	Lv ..... Fort Drum	Lv	7.22 AM
8.30 PM	Ar ..... Okeechobee	Lv	6.30 AM

129 Daily ex Sun.	ENTERPRISE BRANCH		130 Daily ex Sun.
2.30 PM	Lv ..... Titusville	Ar	7.00 PM
3.30 PM	Lv ..... Maytown	Lv	6.10 PM
4.20 PM	Ar ..... Enterprise	Lv	5.12 PM
4.30 PM	Ar ..... Enterprise Junction	Lv	5.00 PM

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Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock a. m.
Epworth League services at 6:45 o'clock Sunday evening.
Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

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B. F. Green, Pastor
M. W. Ashton, Sunday school superintendent.
Preaching services each Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 o'clock p. m
Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evenings at 7:30 o'clock.

METHODIST CHURCH, SOUTH.
Corner Palmetto and Douglas streets.
H. A. Spencer, Pastor.
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Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock a. m.
Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7 p. m.

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Litany service Friday at 7:30 p. m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.
On Faulkner street.
Father Barry in charge.
Services twice in the month, on the second and fourth Sundays. On these Sundays mass is said at 10 a. m. and evening devotions at 7:30 p. m.
Bible history class at 4 p. m. on the Fridays preceding the second and fourth Sundays.
Catechism class at 9 a. m. on the Saturdays preceding the second and fourth Sundays.
Mass at 7 a. m. on the Mondays following the second and fourth Sundays.
Sunday school every Sunday at 9 a. m.

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Sunday school at 2 o'clock.
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FERTILIZER IS CHEAP WHEN PRODUCED ON THE FARM

Fertilizer may be produced on the farm in either of two ways; by growing legumes, such as velvet beans, cowpeas and beggarweed, or by feeding crops produced on the farm to livestock, saving the manure produced and returning it to the soil. Either of these methods is recommended by J. M. Scott, animal industrialist to the University of Florida experiment station.

The legume crops have the power to take ammonia from the air. Therefore, by growing velvet beans, cowpeas and beggarweed the amonia content of the soil can be increased. Such is not the case when corn and cotton are grown; they take amonia from the soil. When velvet beans are grown, and the vines left in the field to be plowed under the following winter, they will add ammonia to each acre equal to an application of more than $20 worth of cottonseed meal.

An acre of cowpeas will produce a good crop of hay, and after this has been removed the shattered leaves and the roots remaining, the plowing which follows will add ammonia to the soil equal to an application of 400 pounds of cottonseed meal. When crop rotation is practiced, the fertility of the soil can be increased. By the old method of continuous cropping in cotton or corn, the soil is depleted of available ammonia, phosphoric acid or potash, and the crop must depend almost wholly on commercial fertilizer.

By feeding farm crops to either beef or dairy cattle much manure will be produced, which should be saved and returned to the soil. A good cow or steer will produce in a year's time from six to seven tons of manure. The quality of it will depend entirely upon the quality of the feed. Feeds rich in ammonia will produce manure rich in ammonia. The body of the animal retains only about one-fifth of the ammonia in the feed; that is, for every hundred pounds of ammonia fed to an animal, eighty pounds are expected. By growing legume crops and feeding them to livestock on the farm, large quantities of manure rich in ammonia can be produced. It follows then that by growing the legume crops, feeding them to live stock and returning the manure to the fields, the fertility of the land will be so increased in a few years' time that potash and phosphoric acid, the cheaper elements in commercial fertilizer, will be the only ones that must be bought.

When it is necessary to buy ammonia, it should be bought in the form of cottonseed meal and the manure produced be used as a fertilizer. This gives the meal a double value; first, as a milk and meat producer, and second, a fertilizing value.

Every general farmer should arrange his crop rotation so that no ammonia as fertilizer need be bought.

BERTHS AND DEATHS MUST BE REGISTERED

Dr. Joseph Y. Porter, state health officer, has just finished sending out the supplies of blanks and forms to the local registrars in the state in order that they may begin the work of registering all births and deaths that occur after midnight of December 31 1916, in the state of Florida as provided by the vital statistics law which was enacted by the 1915 session of the legislature.

Beginning with the first of the year there is no reason why each and every birth and death that occurs within the state of Florida should not be registered, as a local registrar has been provided for each municipality and voting precinct.

Births are to be reported by the physician or midwife in attendance at the birth, and when no physician or midwife is in attendance, it becomes the duty of the father or mother to make such report to the local registrar of the municipality or voting precinct in which the vote occurred, and this report must be made within ten days after the date of birth.

Deaths are to be reported by the undertaker, or person acting as such, which includes any person having charge of the burial of a dead body. The law requires that they must file a certificate of death when the local registrar of the municipality or voting precinct in which the death occurred and procure a burial permit before making any disposition of a dead body or burial or otherwise.

The following is a list of the local registrars in and for each municipality and voting precinct in this part of Volusia county, with the territory covered by each:

New Smyrna, C. L. Dohn; Hawks Park, H. I. Hamilton; Oak Hill, E. L. Dyall; Lake Helen, W. J. Todd; Port Orange, Chas. Milburn; Glencoe, G. W. Futch.

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SWEET POTATO ROOT WEEVIL

By J. R. Watson

The sweet potato root weevil (Cylas formicarius) has become established in a few places in Florida and other Gulf states. The insect bores through and through sweet potatoes, utterly ruining them. Not only do the adults mine the roots, but they breed there, and their milk white soft bodied grubs continue the destruction.

The adult beetle is about a quarter of an inch long. The abdomen is cylindrical in shape and shiny blue in color. The thorax is reddish brown; legs and last joint of antennae are brown; and the head, including the long beak, which is held out straight in front, is black. The thorax is small and the legs long, which give to this handsome and striking beetle a superficial resemblance to an ant, hence the name of formicarius.

At digging time all infested potatoes should be carefully picked up at once, and fed to the pigs or cattle. By no means should any infested tubers be left lying in the field, nor should they be mixed with the sound potatoes, or put in storage. In fact, where this weevil is present, it would be good practice to dispose of all potatoes soon after digging and not attempt to store them, lest this dangerous pest be propagated.

After the crop is gathered hogs should be turned into the field to destroy all refuse matter from the crop.

Past experience has shown that where these measures are carried out carefully, the weevil can be almost exterminated. Growers of sweet potatoes should be on the lookout for this pest, and destroy it whenever found.

The adult beetles attack the sweet-potatoes in the field, entering the root at the stem end. They eat out cavities in which the females lay their oval, yellowish-white eggs. These eggs are about one-fortieth of an inch long. They then enter the pupa stage without leaving the potato. Thus it is seen that the whole life history is spent inside of the potato.

This, a tropical insect, being found in Cochin China, India, Madagascar, Guam, Cuba, Porto Rico, Jamaica and other West Indian islands. It was first found in the United States in 1875 in Louisiana. Since then it has been found in Texas. A year ago the Florida experiment station received specimens from the extreme southeastern part of the state. There is at the present time an outbreak of the pest in one of the northeastern counties of Florida. Previous to this it had been found in Manatee county. These are three widely separated parts of the state.

A contract has been practically closed in Tampa for a million cross ties for the French government. Shipment will probably be made within a month.

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Titusville's new $60,000 school building is rapidly nearing completion.

ENTERTAIN YOUR FRIENDS

YOU will entertain your friends this winter and it is much more pleasant and satisfactory when entertaining in the evening to have your rooms well lighted. Plenty of light gives the home an air of cheerfulness and happiness and your friends will enjoy their visits more among cheerful surroundings than if they are compelled to remain in dingy, poorly lighted rooms.

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HAPPENINGS IN OUR NEIGHBORING VILLAGES

PORT ORANGE

L. G. Porter is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

C. M. Turner has been appointed one of the guards for the county convicts.

D. E. Lyon is installing a phone in his lumber office, and J. R. Carrow at his home. These will be quite a convenience to the public.

The 15-inch sewer pipe to be laid from the river to the slough along Herbert and Fleming avenues is being delivered by F. C. Sparkman.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wickem, from near Millersburg, Ill., have apartments in one of the Saker houses. Mrs. Erp, Mrs. Wickem's mother, is with them.

Mrs. Maynard, two daughters and her father, Mr. Kingsley, from Roscoe, N. Y., have leased Mrs. A. M. Martin's cottage, corner Herbert and Dunlawton.

PORT ORANGE

Mr. and Mrs. Filby, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. L. Bailey, have returned to their home at West Milton, Ohio, owing to Mrs. Filby's health.

Removing trees and underbrush along the east side of Ridgewood between Dunlawton and Herbert streets has greatly improved the appearance of the street.

We regret to learn that Mr. W. C. Moore and family, who had about completed their operations for spending the winter in Port Orange, have given up coming on account of the sickness of Miss Hildreth Moore.

Quite an extended conversation was held by some of our residents with the Kiefers at Omaha, Nebraska, on Wednesday night. The service was decidedly good and the possibility of such service is due to our local telephone company.

The recent guests at Tribbles are: J. M. Pabor, Richmond, Va.; C. L. Polhamus, Joliet, Ill.; A. C. Burbank, St. Albans, Ok.; J. F. Goodwin and wife Wheeling, W. Va.; Mrs. Wayen Nusbaum, Ill.; J. W. Ross, New York, Cory Lyda, East Palatka; Misses Florence and Winnifred Paxsons, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Nixon, Deer Creek, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Nessing, Denver, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Sherer, Dayton, Ohio; J. H. Cothron, Napoleon, O.; Mr. Emerick, Rochester, N. Y.; M. E. Olff and wife, Jacksonville; Lieutenant Hull, Scranton, Pa.; S. E. Saxton, New York; Alfred P. Arthur, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins, Somanauk, Ill.; Mrs. Hart, Ill. Some 30 guests took Christmas dinner and quite a number dined on New Years.

HAWKS PARK

Mr. and Mrs. Preston of Henniker, N. H., are with us again for the winter. Glad to see you.

Mrs. C. E. Vrooman is learning to drive her new car that Chas. Sams delivered to her on New Year's day.

Don and Floyd Murray, who came home for the holiday vacation have returned to their work at Stetson University.

The dance Friday evening in the hall was enjoyed by a jolly crowd of young folks, a number of whom came out from New Smyrna.

Mrs. H. I. Hamilton and Madam E. Pierre are enjoying their new Ford that Mr. Sams delivered to them last Sunday.

W. S. Hart, while on his way to Daytona with three ladies, ran into another car and damaged his car pretty badly. He had to leave it in Daytona.

Gilbert Ballentine put the good launch Mernet on the river last week, and every one is glad to see the launch ready to take the jolly crowds she always has on board.

Mrs. Margaret Knapp returned Friday from Tampa, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Peter, who suffered a stroke of paralysis several months ago, and is not recovering as fast as her friends would like to have her.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford and daughter, Miss Nellie, Mr. and Mrs. C. Williams and Mrs. C. E. Vrooman spent New Year's day on the river in Mr. Crawford's launch Nettie. The party went to Turner's landing and enjoyed a fish dinner, and spent the afternoon on the beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins were honored by a reception at the hall Thursday evening. A large crowd came out to bid them goodbye. They left Sunday for the southern part of the state where Mr. Wiggins has work. We are sorry to see them go but hope they will return to us.

The dam across the West Palm Beach canal about 12 miles west of the city has been removed and it is now possible to navigate the canal all the way from West Palm Beach to Lake Okeechobee. It is believed that a regular boat service will soon be established for passengers and freight.

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Building permits representing a total of $14,950 were issued in Orlando last week.

GASTRIC REBELLION.

Some of the Mistakes in Eating That Incite Poor Digestion.

Indigestion is often attributed to hasty eating, and people are reproved, and rightly so, for bolting their food, but it is interesting to observe that, while the bolting of meat is always severely censured, one never hears any blame attached to those who swallow fruit by the mouthful and devour uncooked vegetables without any attempt at mastication. Nevertheless it is the hasty swallower of vegetable fiber who is really the inciter of gastric rebellion. Vegetables are at all times very imperfectly digested by the stomach and require their tough fibers to be thoroughly broken up by the teeth if they are to be dissolved even in the bowel.

There is a well known saying which avers that digestion waits upon appetite, and there is no doubt that of all the adjuvants to digestion a keen desire for food is the most powerful and important. But appetite itself often depends upon conditions which are independent of the body's absolute necessities. Thus the aspect of the food, its smell, taste and even the manner in which it is served all help either to stimulate a desire for it or to induce a sense of aversion, while the environment of the diner often exercises important influence, beneficial or otherwise.

Brain work of any kind interferes with the rapid digestion of food, and even the habit of reading during meal times, practiced by so many, is conducive neither to appetite nor digestion. A well lighted room, music and frivolous conversation will often permit a chronic dyspeptic to enjoy without remorse the pleasures of the table while a depressing atmosphere, an ill genial company and unappetizing dishes may induce a fit of indigestion in the most healthy individual.—Food and Cookery.

CHARM OF THE BIBLE.

Its Poetic Beauty and the Marvel of Its Word Pictures.

Then some of us who cared for literature took up the Bible casually and found its poetic beauty. We read the book of Job—which, by the way, Mr. Swinburne is said to have known by heart—and as we read it even the stars themselves seemed less wonderful than this description of their marvel and mystery:

Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades or loose the bands of Orion?
Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? Or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?

Or we read in the thirty-seventh chapter of the book of Ezekiel of that weird valley that was full of bones—"and as I prophesied there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to bone"—surely one of the most wonderful visions of the imagination in all literature.

Or we read the marvelous denunciatory rhetoric of Jeremiah and Isaiah or the music of the melodious heartstrings of King David. We read the solemn adjuration of the "King Ecclesiast" to remember our Creator in the days of our youth, with its haunting picture of old age, and the loveliness of "The Song of Songs" passed into our lives forever.

To this purely literary love of the Bible there has been added within the last few years a certain renewed regard for it as the profoundest book of the soul, and for some minds not conventionally religious it has regained even some of its old authority as a spiritual guide and stay. And I will confess for myself that sometimes as I fall asleep at night I wonder if even the most picturesque of modern writers has written anything to equal the Twenty-third Psalm.—Richard Le Gallienne in Phoenix.

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Winter Playgrounds

The current issue of the literary Digest contains the following interesting story under the caption: "Winter Playgrounds in Florida."

Few states offer a greater diversity of winter resorts and winter pastimes than Florida. Here are ocean, lake and river resorts in profusion. Here too, is the unfailing fascination to the northerner of seeing vast groves of citrus trees laden with golden fruit. The present season in Florida promises to be the greatest on record. Hotel or cottage reservations should be made at once.

The resorts of Florida are divided naturally into three regions—those bordering the East Coast; those situated in the lake and river region of the interior and those on the west coast. For all of these Jacksonville is the main gateway. The northern tourist, whether by rail or water, passes from here over diverging routes. Three rail systems distribute the traffic. The Florida East Coast leads directly to all the East Coast resorts, while the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line form a network of highways to central and western portions of the peninsula. These rail lines are supplemented by numerous boat facilities on Florida's many miles of navigable lakes and rivers. Within the limits of a brief sketch it is possible to give only a mere hint of the numerous winter playgrounds.

Leaving Jacksonville for the East Coast we come in turn to Atlantic beach with its profusion of outdoor pastimes; historic St Augustine; Ormond with its links; Daytona and Seabreeze with their famous beaches; Palm Beach the rendezvous of fashion and wealth; Miami, the Mekka of yachtmen, connected with Jacksonville by the Dixie Highway; Coconut Grove, on a hillside overlooking the ocean, and away out on one of the keys that haunt of your real fisherman, Long Key camp. If your journey has lead you to the southern part of the East Coast you will do well to make the one hundred-mile trip over that marvel of engineering, the overseas division of the East Coast railway, passing over the clear waters of the ocean on great concrete viaducts and over scores of intervening coral keys. At Key West, the terminus, the trip may be continued by steamer to Havana or by the same means to Tampa. The premier resort of the East Coast, Palm Beach, is thus pictured by Harrison Rhodes in his book, "In Vacation America."

"Palm Beach is our most satisfactory achievement in water places along the traditional European lines. It has as preposterously short and perfervid a season as Trouville or Deauville. It has prices—if you insist on them—as high and as really exhilirating as those of Monte Carlo; you believe, at least while you abandon yourself to the Palm Beach spell, that not to be rich is something unworthy and discreditable, something not to be mentioned before nice people. . . .

Palm Beach is fantastically rich and idle and gay—and useless, if you like. It is a kind of dream of blazing flower gardens and allees of palms. Its most characteristic sport is the wheelchair—the Afro-mobile, so-called from the black slave of the pedal who propels you. The golfers, who languidly dot the flat green seem only to do it that they make make wheel chair idleness the more attractive. In the same way watching the bathers from under a striped awning competes on fair terms with bathing itself. And eating and drinking here tend to become not only kings of indoor, but of outdoor sports. The games of chance, too, which so enliven the quest of rest and health abroad, are discreetly provided, and in the agreeable confusion of the tables certain ideals of democracy—that is to say, ideals for the fraternizing of the rich—are satisfied."

If your trip to Florida is by sea, you will have the pleasure of a twenty-mile sail up the St. Johns, Florida's most stately river to Jacksonville a searchlight and a daylight trip may be taken up the river from Jacksonville by the St. Johns river line of the Clyde Steamship company to Sanford the head of navigation. Among the river resorts reached by this trip are Palatka, Astor, DeLand (Florida's center of culture and education), and Orange City. Among other resorts in the central lake and river region may be mentioned Florence Villa with ninety-seven lakes within a five-mile radius; Winter Park, set amid lakes and tropical vegetation; Orlando, surrounded by lakes; Apopka, celebrated for its fishing; Lakeland, in hills well above sea level.

On the deep bays and peninsulas of the west coast are found some of Florida's most attractive winter playgrounds. Here we find Tarpon Springs, with golfing, boating, bathing and hunting; Clearwater, on high bluffs of the Pinellas Peninsula; Belleair, noted as having the best links
WINTER PLAYGROUND Gal 2
in the state; St. Petersburg, with its magnificent beach; Tampa, ideally situated on Tampa Bay; Sarasota, famous for its fishing; Venice, southernmost terminal of the Seaboard Air Line; Punta Gorda, a famous tarpon resort; and Fort Myers, beautifully located on the Caloosahatchee river, the terminus of the Atlantic Coast Line system. Steamer service is provided from Tampa to near-by resorts. Regular sailings between Port Tampa and Key West are made by the Peninsular and Occidental fleet.

Along the northwestern coast of Florida extends a series of resorts which are attracting increasing numbers of visitors from the north. Here is found a mingling of the salt air of the ocean with the fragrance of pine forests. Golf, tennis, boating, hunting and fishing are among the available winter pastimes. Pensacola, which forms the chief rail gateway to Florida from the west, is a city of historic interest and also a delightful resort. The chef rail system to this part of the state is the Louisville & Nashville.

The cost of a trip to Florida by rail, New York to Jacksonville and return, exclusive of meals and Pullman accommodations is $51.30. The cost of a trip by ocean from New York to Jacksonville and return, via Clyde line, is $43.30 and upward, including meals and berth. From Boston to Jacksonville by Merchants & Miner's Transportation Co.'s steamers the round trip rate including all accommodations, is $45.

The Bunnell State bank, Bunnell, has purchased a lot and will in the near future begin the construction of a nice brick building.

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The immediate construction of Lee county's portion of the cross-state road from Miami to Marco was assured recently when the county commissioners awarded contract for the work at the price of $111,800.

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St. Petersburg authorities have ordered merchants to remove all display stands and goods on the sidewalks.

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The corner stone of Fort Lauderdale's new public library building, being built by the Woman's club of that city, was laid recently with appropriate exercises.

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It is expected that approximately 1,500 acres of cotton will be planted in Hernando county next season. This will be considerably in excess of the previous season's acreage.

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The Florida East Coast Hotel company is constructing two large incinerators at the Royal Poinciana and the Breakers hotels, Palm Beach, for the destruction of trash and debris collected about the hotels.

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The Marion county grand jury, in recent session, recommended that the constitution and laws of the state of Florida be so amended as to abolish the offices of constable and justice of the peace and that the work of these offices be handled through the county judges' courts.

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At a recent get-together banquet in Sebring the sum of $802 was raised in a few minutes for the support of the board of trade of that place.

The highway beautification committee of the Orlando board of trade has launched a movement to make 50 feet instead of 30 feet the legal right of way for highways in Orange county, so as to allow room for beautification of the roadsides.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF STATE BANK OF NEW SMYRNA

AT NEW SMYRNA, FLORIDA, No. 77

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RESOURCES

Loans on Real Estate	$ 48,893 00
Loans on Collateral Security other than Real Estate	18,652 50
All other Loans and Discounts	33,421 98
Overdrafts	83 32
United States Bonds	NONE
State, County and Muncipal Bonds	18,000 00
Railroad Bonds	NONE
Bonds of other Public Service Corporations	NONE
Other Bonds	NONE
Stocks of Corporations	8,200 00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	4,000 00
Other Real Estate	2,600 00
Claims and other Resources	1,772 34
Due from Incorporated Banks	34,170 30
Due from Private Banks and Bankers	NONE
Checks and Exchanges for Clearing	453 48
Other Cash Items	1,259 91
Cash on Hand	9,878 56
New Building Account	1,635 10
Total	$225,029 49

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock Paid in	$ 15,000 00
Surplus Fund	11,000 00
Undivided Profits (Less Expenses and Taxes Paid)	2,275 18
Dividends Unpaid	NONE
Individual Deposits Subject to Check	106,605 45
Demand Certificates of Deposit	300, 00
Time Certificates of Deposit	15,183 10
Certified Checks	NONE
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	2,554 14
Due to Incorporated Banks	NONE
Due to Private Banks and Bankers	NONE
Savings Deposits	72,111 62
Bills Payable	NONE
Notes and other Bills Rediscounted	NONE
All other Liabilities	NONE
Total	$225,029 49

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(Continued from last week.)

CHAPTER XI.

I Never Did Like to Be Beaten.

STEPHEN O'MARA found Hardwick Elliott lunching alone in the East Coast company's main Morrison office, a big unpainted shack that stood half lost in a maze of high piled ties midway between the sawmills at the river edge and the first snarled network of switches converging on one reddish streak of steel that lanced into the north. He rose and held out a finely tapered hand.

"Now this is fine!" he exclaimed. "This is really fine, Mr. O'Mara. Rather odd, too—coincidence and that sort of thing, I mean. Because I was just this instant wondering whether I had better send for you or wait until you just happened down river again."

In many ways the president of the East Coast company reminded Steve of Caleb Hunter, even though there could be no two things more in contrast than the latter's calm and comfortable bigness and Elliott's thin and wiry and extremely nervous exterior. It was a similarity due entirely to the innate honesty of both men—such honesty as makes of every attempt at dissimulation an assured nonsuccess. And Miss Sarah had never anticipated her brother's clumsiest finesse with greater ease than did Steve sense that afternoon the weight of worry behind his employer's first effort at jauntiness. He nodded hopefully, it seemed.

"Something else gone wrong?" Steve asked. "Or are you going to tell me that McLean is still having trouble with that curve of his?"

"No," he replied. "No, we've got that laid, or at least practically so. No, it's not the work itself. You know, the first few miles at this end afford pretty plain sailing. We figured on that or we wouldn't stand any chance of finishing the job. And we are quite nicely ahead of our schedule so far. But however I was wondering if you by any chance have noticed any signs of discontent in your own squad at Thirty Mile."

McLean Pinned Him Up Against the Embankment.

Elliott eased himself back into his chair at the finish of the question. Repugnantly he jerked a thumb in silent invitation toward a plate of sandwiches. It indicated most clearly the state of his appetite—that gesture—and Steve could not help but smile a little as he refused.

"No more than the usual disturbances," Steve answered. "I have more or less trouble holding them—some of them—over the week ends, of course. But then that's always to be expected. They aren't the sort of men that go to make up the general run of construction squads. One of my main reasons for wanting them was the fact that they were rivermen, hardened to swimming and white water work and that kind of thing. In a pinch they're good for twenty-four hours a day over stretches that would take the heart out of most gangs. I don't know of anything that can beat a lumberjack on a squeeze job once you get him to realize that he's up against long odds. It's this ten hour a day thing and too much ready money every pay day—it's a town too temptingly close that makes them a—a trifle temperamental, Mr. Elliott. Is that what you mean?"

Elliott pondered for a moment.

"That entirely duplicates what McLean said just a day or so ago." On any other lips Elliott's deliberate neatness of phrase might have sounded solemnly funny. "Thoroughly logical of course—thoroughly possible. And yet somehow it doesn't fit the case. We've had the usual Monday morning vacancies right along, as you know, but the delinquents always turned up before the 5 o'clock whistle blew or at least reported Tuesday morning. But this is the end of the week, and we're short right this minute very close to thirty men. They aren't coming back, Mr. O'Mara. On the contrary they continue to dribble away, a few every day. And, though they appear to do nothing but talk their time away in the saloons in the lower end of the town, they seem to have just as much money to spend as they did when they were getting their time checks from us."

"What sort of talking?" Steve wanted to know.

"That's just it," Elliott exclaimed. "Their talk leads nowhere. I went down and attempted to find out what their grievance might be, but they close up like clams whenever I come within earshot. They stare at the ceiling, rub their chins and laugh when there's nothing to laugh at. This morning, however, I finally convinced McLean that something was radically wrong. So he took one of them who had just decided to quit and pinned him up against the embankment—but you know McLean and his methods—he shoved his jaw up within an inch of the other's nose and invited him to talk and—well he found out enough to make him begin to worry too. Somebody's been talking to them, Mr. O'Mara. Somebody has put the fool notion into their heads that this strip of railroad will mean the end of all lumber operations in this country—the old time river drives of course. And some of them are beginning to believe whoever was responsible for that statement.

"You know and I know how absurd it is. We know that this road will mean work for every riverman in this section as often as he wants to work. But it isn't going to help us any if they can't see it that way. It isn't going to replace the men who quit. I've been deliberating one point. Don't you suppose we might import a regular squad of construction men now, before it's too late?"

"It's too late now," Steve told him, his words none the less final for all that they were absently quiet. "It was too late the day we began operations. And yesterday at this time I wouldn't have given much worry to this particular brand of trouble. They're an odd lot. They're the hardest working, hardest living crowd of big men that ever failed entirely to grow up. But since yesterday—since yesterday—who did you say was responsible for that statement, as you call it?"

"I didn't say. And if I—if I had to guess"— The hand passed across his eyes now. "O'Mara, do you know how deeply Mr. Annesley and myself are involved in this prospect?"

"I don't believe I have ever given it much actual thought," Steve replied. "I never viewed it as any of my affair. But I haven't forgotten the last time we talked the plans over, that you couldn't go into it to lose."

"Of course," Elliott answered quickly. "Of course—of course." He seemed [illegible] gave up suddenly all attempt at [illegible] he had lived with the thought too long to endure it longer alone.

"I'm in up to my last dollar," he stated. "And Annesley—why, Annesley wouldn't have a roof over his head if we failed in our obligations! You must know as well as I do why the banking interests took our paper to those amounts which made it possible for us to drive the first spike."

When he failed to go on Steve understood that the last sentence had been a question.

"Mr. Allison, I suppose." His voice became utterly impersonal. "Without doubt you mean Mr. Allison."

"They would have laughed at us," the older man came back instantly. "And what is more, they did! They wouldn't touch the proposition until Allison came in with us. And then—but you know what Dexter Allison has done already in this country. I don't know what he started with. I do know that all that Annesley and I had scraped up between us looked like a shoestring to him.

"We couldn't move until he of his own accord expressed his enthusiasm for the plan and asked for a share in the holdings. You know perhaps how he can laugh too. Well, he laughed that way and confessed that we had just beaten him to it. He said it would tap a gold mine, this strip of steel, as he called it. He even told us that he'd parallel our road with a competitor, jokingly to be sure, if we hadn't tied up the only available and practicable right of way.

"He came in. He opened up, merely through his own name and all there is behind it, long possibilities for which we might have struggled uselessly the rest of our lives without his help. Between us Mr. Annesley and I just managed to hold the balance of stock control and—and that's how deep we are in, Mr. O'Mara."

Both men sat and smoked, each avoiding elaborately the other's eyes. After a long pause Elliott cleared his throat laboriously.

"This morning," he continued slowly—"this morning I am in receipt of a communication from Mr. Annesley himself advising me that another right of way has been applied for for a single track road here in the north. The gossip which chanced to come his way was rather obscure. Little could be learned about the whole affair save that it was being put forward with a view to tapping the ore and timber lands all the way to and beyond the border. But as nearly as he could ascertain the southern terminus of such a road would seem to be about—about at the mouth of that valley southernmost in the Reserve company's timber holdings. Rather a remarkable choice for a railroad terminus, Mr. O'Mara, wouldn't you say so?"

"Do you mean that they've thrown out your earlier application for just such a grant?"

"That would be a rather harshly definite way of putting it," Elliott smiled wryly. "Ours is apparently just tabled—oh, tabled pending certain immaterial changes in the form! You asked me a moment ago—or did I offer to guess?—who might be responsible for the report which is costing us our men. I wonder if I need to tell you who controls this new northern route?"

"Maybe you've been telling me," Steve came back coolly. "You have already mentioned"—

"Wickersham," Hardwick Elliott corrected. "Wickersham—that is, through allied interests which he represents or controls. O'Mara, I doubt if I would even insinuate this to any one else; I haven't even intimated it to Annesley as yet. Wickersham is reputed to represent huge moneyed foreign interests. But have you ever stopped to wonder whether he might not represent big local interests as well? I'd like to ask you—what do you think?"

"Yesterday," Steve answered, "yesterday—well, I couldn't guarantee just what I might have thought twenty-four hours back. But doesn't one fact remain unchanged still no matter what we think? Suppose we admit that some one else does want this stretch of track we're laying. Suppose somebody is figuring on picking it up cheap at a bankruptcy price if we forfeit to the Reserve company. You know yourself that you would never have begun it simply for the profit there will be in moving the Reserve logs and the millions on millions of feet of lumber both to the east and west which can't be touched at anything but a prohibitive figure without this road. We were going through to the border too. And if some one else is betting that we don't—if some one else is betting that we can't yank a trainload of logs down to this end of the line before the 1st of May, that doesn't alter our case any, does it? Even though we suspect that some man is playing us to lose do we have to know exactly who he is?"

Slowly, but very surely, the older man's face began to smooth.

"Once or twice," he stated, "I've thought to anticipate you, perhaps because I have it on you a little, as they say, in the matter of years. I'm not going to attempt it any more, for I thought that this conversation would be at least a surprise to you. You sit there and take it very quietly for a man who has been badly startled."

"Fat Joe has been preaching it for a month." Oddly enough Stephen O'Mara chose that point at which to laugh softly. "And I, for a month, have been ridiculing him. That's one of Fat Joe's pet diversions, you know. When all other excitement fails Joe invariably falls back upon an imagination too for his vivid to be wasted on technical things. I laughed at him until last night. Do you—but of course you know Garry Deveraux," he finished.

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[illegible] replied Steve, and for the first time since his entrance there was mirth in the unison of their laughter.

"It all brings us back to the point from which we started," the younger man went on when they were grave again. "It's a plain enough issue so far as we are concerned. We've got to be at the mouth of that lower valley by May. We're going to be! And as I see it wasting time and energy in—shall we call it sleuthing, Mr. Elliott?—won't help us much. We thought that lack of time and the general nature of the country were going to be hardships enough. But now you mention it and I—I never did like to be beaten. [illegible] We know the cards we hold. If others care to sit in perhaps we'll all come to a showdown next spring at Thirty Mile. It'll be easy enough to explain just how we did it. Although a determined opposition would not interest the Reserve people much if we left their timber there to rot. * * * And I'm trying not to overlook my bets, Mr. Elliott."

Hastily the iron gray man thrust his hat back from his forehead. He came to his feet and crossed and clapped one hand upon Steve's shoulder.

"Next May!" he barked. "O'Mara, I'm glad you came down this morning. I've been carrying a lot of those ideas around in my head until they had become nightmarish. But I'm through now. You won't hear me croak again. I staked what I had on you months ago. I'd do it again this minute. What's the odds after all who it is that's playing us to lose? It is [illegible] the fact that somebody may be hitting us that needs to occupy our attention. I'm done worrying. Do you hear? But what about those men who are quitting us? You are sure it would be unwise to import labor? It's cheaper, you know."

Steve, too, had risen.

"We'd have the prettiest kind of a scrap on our hands the first day we tried to use them," he explained. "It would be dead enough before we got through. I guess I'd better run right out and have a talk with McLean. He knows these men even better than I do, and I'm almost one of them, you know. And I'll get a line on some of these delinquents who are crying calamity for the countryside. I'd better, because we'll need them. They simply haven't become thoroughly interested yet, that's all. It will take something to jolt them, something to set them on fire. And then—then just watch my plaid shirted boys go! They'll eat up your sledge swingers!"

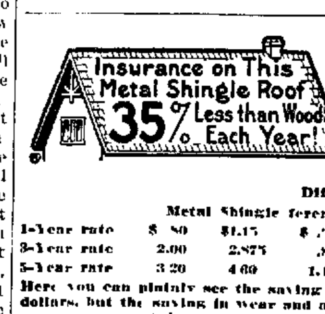
Something of that promised fire was reflected now in Hardwick Elliott's eyes.

"By Gad," he exclaimed; "by Gad, if it wasn't for Annesley, I'd say the thing was worth it, win or lose, just for the game itself! You go ahead and see McLean. I'll be out there later myself. I promised Allison that I'd show the works to some of the young folks up there on the hill. His daughter—but I keep forgetting that you've known her longer than I have. There's quite a party of them. She announced her engagement to Mr. Wickersham last night, I believe. Heard that this morning. Was too busy to go up last night myself. Maybe you'll find time to help me play the host."

Steve turned toward the door. "So I heard," he replied, without facing around. "I'll try to be on hand."

(To be continued.)

Students of the Kentucky Military academy are expected to arrive at the winter headquarters of the school at Military Park, near Eau Gallie on January 6th.



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Dated at New Smyrna, Florida, this 8th day of November, A. D. 1916.

M. A. BRONSON
T. L. HOWELL
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B. F. BUCK
K. L. GOODWIN
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PROPOSED CHARTER FOR THE MASONIC BUILDING ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE II

The general nature of the business to be carried on and transacted by the said corporation shall be:—

(a) To purchase, or erect and maintain buildings, or buildings for the use of Masonic and other Lodges and societies, and for professional, mercantile commercial and or manufacturing uses and purposes.

(b) To buy, own, lease, rent, exchange, mortgage, sell, convey and deal in real estate and personal property as owner, agent, trustee, broker or otherwise, and to borrow money and to secure the same and money otherwise owing by deeds, mortgages, notes, obligations, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness.

(c) To buy, own, rent, operate, set, plant and cultivate orchards, groves and or farms of citrus and other fruits, tropical and semi-tropical fruits and otherwise, for the raising, shipping and selling of products and by-products of crops raised and grown on said orchards, groves or farms, and for the packing, canning, marketing, shipping, consigning and selling the crops, fruits and products of the same.

(d) To purchase, sell, lease, erect, operate and maintain factories for the making of anything necessary for their business and to purchase, sell, lease, erect, operate and maintain electric light and power plant, for light, heat, power or other purposes, to purchase, sell, lease, erect, maintain and operate ice plant or plants and water works, for the furnishing of water, ice and cold storage, acquire, purchase, build, own, run and operate boats, vessels and vehicles of all kinds, whether propelled by electricity, steam or otherwise, and to make, own, keep and maintain road beds for the same, to buy, own, lease, and control wharves, docks, railroads, right of way and water frontage, including riparian rights.

(e) To enter into partnership with any person, Company or corporation for the purpose of carrying on any business in connection with any of the above paragraphs, sections, sentences, or parts of same as may by the Board of Directors be decided best.

(f) To manufacture, buy and sell at wholesale or retail, or both, any article of trade, commerce, and to erect, acquire, own and operate any buildings for the manufacture of any of the aforesaid articles of trade or commerce, and to run and operate stores or commissaries for the supply and handling of the same.

The enumeration of special powers shall not be held a restriction upon this corporation, but it shall have full corporate power to do any and all things that may be convenient and necessary for the carrying on of its business in all of its parts and shall have all of the powers granted and authorized under the laws of Florida and the corporations organized under its laws.

ARTICLE III

The amount of the Capital stock of this corporation shall be $5000.00, divided into 50 shares of the par value of $100.00 per share. All or any part of the said capital stock may be payable on any money, property, labor or services, at a valuation to be fixed by the incorporators or the directors and all subscriptions to the capital stock shall be paid as the By-laws shall prescribe.

ARTICLE IV

This corporation shall exist perpetually as provided by law, article 5. The business of this corporation shall be conducted by a President and Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and a Board of not less than seven Directors, of which the above named officers shall be members, and such other officers, agents and employees as may from time to time be appointed. Any stockholder may hold any two of the above designated offices.

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ARTICLE VII

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation shall at any time subject itself shall be $5000.00 or not exceeding the cash value of the real estate owned by the corporation.

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Witness my hand and official seal at New Smyrna, State and County aforesaid, this 10th day of November, A. D. 1916.

H. I. HAMILTON,
Notary Public.

My commission expires February 11, 1918.

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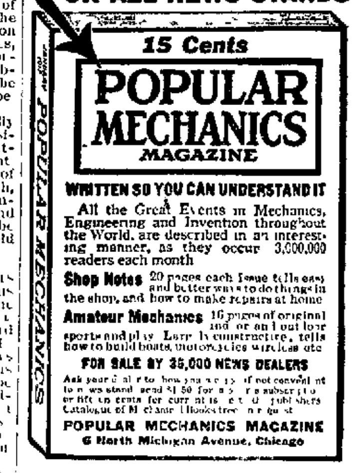

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NAVIGATION DISTRICT IS PROPOSED TO IMPROVE THE INLAND WATERWAYS

WOULD COMPRISE NEARLY A THIRD OF WHOLE STATE

MEETING WILL BE CALLED SOON FOR DELEGATES FROM ALL TOWNS TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSITION.

The article which follows, clipped from the Jacksonville Metropolis, of December 27th, is the first draft for publication of the proposed Navigation District. A hurried canvass of the territory to be included in this district finds all hands in accord with the movement.

Roughly speaking, the preliminary draft included the All East Coast route, the St. Johns River route connecting with the East Coast at Titusville, continuing up the St. Johns and connecting creeks and lakes to Kissimmee, thence down the Kissimmee River to Lake Okeechobee, across the lake and back to the coast through the canals to Ft. Lauderdale and Miami. Later we hear that the people of the Oklawaha valley want to join hands. Then comes news from Caloosahatchie River section that they want in.

To get the full sentiment of the people it will be necessary to hold a meeting at some central point to discuss all features of this plan and appoint a committee for active work. It has been suggested that there be invited to attend this meeting one delegate to represent each incorporated city and town, one delegate from each commercial body and one representative from each Board of County Commissioners, that especial invitation be extended to every State Senator and member of the State Legislature from the proposed district, to the State Officers, to the Florida delegation in Washington and the State representative of the U. S. Army Engineers.

So far but two cities have expressed a desire to entertain this convention, Sanford and Orlando. It is essential that a central point be selected for the convenience of all and since Ft. Myers has shown interest the claims of the two cities mentioned are especially well taken. Get your delegates lined up, select your time and place of meeting and let's get down to business. There is much to be done before this project is ready for presentation and the Legislature convenes in 90 days.

As an incentive to quick, decisive work, let us state that New York capital has already become interested and the construction of boats to navigate these waters is now under way.

The article taken from the Jacksonville Metropolis is as follows:

Proposing the formation of a "navigation district," similar in purpose to road and drainage districts, the object of which will be to build a ship canal through the heart of Florida, a meeting of representatives of commercial bodies and county commissioners of 15 counties to be effected by such a project will shortly be held at a point to be designated.

The project is original with P. A. Vans Agnew and already has received the hearty endorsement of everyone to whom it has been explained. Such an undertaking would entail the expenditure of not over ten million dollars and would provide a water route through the state, giving sheltered waterway from the western coast to the east and affording points adjacent to the canal low freight rates made possible by water carrier competition with rail lines.

Such a project, it is believed, would meet with the approval and assistance of the federal government, in that it would give the war department a means of bringing from the Gulf to the Atlantic light draught vessels, fleet tenders and torpedo boat destroyers, by an inland route, affording protection from possible bombardment in time of war.

Combine Two Routes

It is the idea of the promoters of the idea that such a plan will once and for all settle the contention formerly displayed between East Coast and central Florida towns over the subject of inland waterways. Harmonizing these interests by making a canal, or two, if necessary, giving a choice of routes and, at once affording Florida interests, public and private, an ideal means of transportation is expected to find a ready sympathy.

Pro-rate the Cost

It is the suggestion of the originator of the idea that the expense of such a project, at least half of which would probably be borne by the United States government, be born by property owners benefitted by the project. Such a vast acreage would receive a direct and material benefit that the individual cost per acre would be less than one-half mill on the dollar valuation, and such immense benefits would accrue to those whose property was effected, that no opposition is expected from this source.

Plans already discussed call for an effort before the legislature for the passing of a law authorizing the creation af "navigation districts" similar to road drainage or school districts; the appointment of a supervising board to handle preliminary details and the ultimate issuance and sale of bonds to cover the property owner's share of the expense.

Explanation of Plan

An explanation of the plan is given in the following statement by Mr. Vans Agnew:

"The main feature of the proposed bill would be the creation of an administrative board to be named either 'commissioners' or 'supervisors' of three or five or more, clothed with the fullest necessary powers; the power to borrow money for temporary organization cost purposes, to construct, either themselves, or under contract, water highways throughout the district; to purchase or condemn existing artificial water highways, to issue bonds to cover the construction or purchase cost, to employ engineers, attorneys, superintendents, etc., to levy taxes either for direct construction and maintenance, or for the redemption of indebtedness, and especially the power to invite the participation of the state and federal governments to negotiate with them and to enter into contracts with them.

"The advantage of handling a public improvement of this magnitude and character under statutory and legislative enactment, instead of attempting to accomplish it through individual effort or voluntary associations, must be obvious to any business man who has had practical experience in such projects.

Bonds at Premium

"The question of the scope and boundaries of the district is of the utmost importance. In my opinion it is imperative for the ultimate success of the proposition to combine the East Coast with the St. Johns river; otherwise, two navigation districts would be formed, which would continue to fight each in the same spirit of rivalry which has so far delayed the project and prevented the achievement of either plan. With a district of this size, comprising roughly one third of the state of Florida and including the city of Jacksonville and the wealthiest and most progressive portion of the state, the annual tax levy would obviously be a negligible quantity. The bond issue would find a ready market.

In fact, it would unquestionably be snatched up by bond houses and the bonds would practically sell at a premium

"Such district would certainly command the attention of the federal government. Behind it would stand the legislative and executive departments of the state governments, the commercial and property interests of one-third of the state of Florida and the united support of the Florida delegation in congress, besides powerful influences throughout the United States which are interested directly or indirectly in Florida proper.' '

The Fort Lauderdale board of trade has passed a resolution calling upon President Wilson to grant a pardon to Dr. C. E. Chambers, president of the Modern Land company, who was some time ago convicted for alleged fraudulent use of the mails in connection with Everglades land matters.

NOW IS THE TIME TO WORK

The following letter has been sent out this week to members and friends of the Association:

To Friend and Member:

The last convention of our Association, held at Ft. Lauderdale on Nov. 14th and 15th just past, certainly showed that the people of the East Coast are interested in improved water transportation.

The plans of the proposed Navigation District were immature at that time and not generally discussed, but the Board of Directors has heartily endorsed the plan since that time. "In union there is strength," and if, by joining hands with our neighbors, we can accomplish our object in a shorter time and at the same time lend a helping hand, let us all be made happy.

Read the Association News of Jan. 5th, a copy of which will be sent you, with care, then see that your friends are acquainted with its contents. We now need your active co-operation.

One thing more we need, and that very urgently, money. For the next 90 or 120 days the Association will be spending $150 to $200 a month, and we surely need your help. Friends, the long looked for goal is in sight. I especially urge you to prompt action in paying your dues and securing new members. Remember that the greater part of the expense of all enterprises falls upon a few. Remember, also, that it will take a great many single dollars to carry this campaign through, and the Association will especially appreciate all donations of $10 or $25 or any other sum to help carry this work through. There are undoubtedly many members of the Association who could carry the entire cost of this campaign and make it all up in a single year with a completed waterway, so be liberal this year, friends, and let us put this plan across. It is now or never, let it be now, and all help to the limit, being assured that no money will be spent except for the best interests of all.

Kindly send all checks to me at New Smyrna, and do it promptly, for quick action is necessary now, as the time is short.

Yours for success,

H. I. HAMILTON
Secretary-Treasurer.

SEES SOLUTION IN PROPOSED DISTRICT

SANFORD EDITOR BELIEVES FORMATION OF BIG DISTRICT WILL SOLVE INLAND WATERWAY PROJECT.

Sanford Herald: What seems to be a solution of the canal project and inland waterway is the so-called navigation district that is being brought to the attention of the people of the East Coast and the territory tributary to the St. Johns river. Harry Hamilton, secretary of the East Coast Canal association was here last week and met with the inland waterway committee and other members of the Sanford Board of Trade and a big meeting of all the directors concerned will be called at a date in the near future, probably here in Sanford, as this is the most centrally located city in the district. At this meeting plans will be presented to make a systematic campaign to have a bill before the next legislature for a law on the navigation districts.

The plan is that the impending session of Florida's legislature shall create a navigation district modeled after this state's drainage districts and special tax road districts.

The statute creating the navigation should provide an administrative board (of three or more) to have power (1) to borrow money for temporary organization purposes (2) to construct or have constructed water highways throughout the district, (3) to purchase or condemn existing artificial highways (4) to employ engineers, etc., (5) to issue such bonds as might be necessary to finance operations, (6) to levy annual taxes for canal construction and maintenance or to pay indebtedness occurred in construction, and (7) to engage the participation of the state and federal governments and to make contracts with them.

The taxes to be levied would, of course, be on only the property within the irrigation district—the territory the canals would benefit.

Such a district comprising about one-third of Florida and backed by the commercial and property interests thereof, and by the united support of Florida's delegation in congress, and also by the state's legislature and executive officials, certainly should command the attention and aid of the federal government.

There is little doubt that the national government would be willing to participate in a project having magnitude and organized standing such as

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INLAND WATERWAYS AND NATIONAL DEFENSE

Germany is a power that believes in the axiom "in time of peace prepare for war," and in a pamphlet entitled "Operationen uber See" (Over-Sea Operations)' a member of the German general staff, General Von Edelsheim, has recounted plans for the landing of German forces for an invasion of the United States. From that pamphlet the following very interesting observations are quoted:

"If Germany begins preparing a fleet of transports and troops for landing purposes at the moment when the battle fleet steams out of our harbor, we may conclude that operations on American soil can begin after about four weeks, and it cannot be doubted that the United States will not be able to oppose to us within that time an army equivalent to our own. . . .

"As an operation by surprise against America is impossible on account of the length of time during which the transports are on the way, only the landing can be effected by surprise. Nevertheless, stress must be laid on the fact that the rapidity of the invasion will considerably facilitate victory against the United States, owing to the absence of methodical preparation for mobilization, owing to the inexperience of the personnell, and owing to the weakness of the regular army."

The general then discussed the task which the invading armies could achieve, and continued in these words:

"Therefore, the task of the fleet would be to undertake a series of large landing operations, through which we are able to take several of these important and wealthy towns within a brief space of time. By interrupting their communications, by destroying all buildings serving the state, commerce, and the defense, by taking away all material for war and transport, and lastly, by levying heavy contributions, we should be able to inflict damage on the United States.

"For such enterprise a smaller military force will suffice. Nevertheless, the American defense will find it difficult to undertake a successful enterprise against that kind of warfare. Though an extremely well developed railway system enables them to concentrate troops within a short time on the different points of the coast, the concentration of the troops, and the time which is lost until it is recognized which of the many points of landing will really be utilized, will, as a rule, make it possible for the army of invasion to carry out its operation with success under the co-operation of the fleet at the point chosen. The corps landed can either take the offensive against gathering hostile forces or withdraw to the transports in order to land at another place.

"It should be pointed out that Germany is the only great power which is able to tackle the United States single handed."

The reason for the last statement is obviously that Germany is possessed of the three necessary elements of over-sea invasion—a great army, a great war fleet, and a great commercial fleet able to furnish transports.

The defense map of part of the Atlantic seaboard, printed elsewhere in this issue sufficiently suggests the possibility of hostile landing upon American shores under present conditions of national defense. There are no defenses of the great ports which could not readily be taken in the rear by an invading force landed at unprotected points. Especially available points would be Cape Cod Bay, the shore of Long Island, the shore of New Jersey and the shore line south of the Delaware Capes.

Due provision for the rapid assembling of a defensive fleet at any point of attack is one of the most important elements in our national defense, and this provision necessarily includes the connecting inside passages between the various bays and harbors making up the intracoastal waterway chain as advocated by this association, and recommended by the army engineers. It may safely be asserted that there is no more important project of public improvement now before the American people.—Bulletin of Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association.

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POSTPONEMENT GRANTED BY THE ARMY ENGINEERS

The Association convention at Fort Lauderdale passed a resolution asking the board of army engineers for time to prepare for a hearing. In forwarding the communication to the board, a brief draft of the proposed navigation district was enclosed, and the following letter shows the kindly spirit of the board in their desire to assist us to attain our desired canal:

December 8, 1916.

Florida East Coast Canal Association,
New Smyrna, Florida.

Dear Sirs:

The board is in receipt of your communication of the 5th inst. requesting postponement of action in the matter of the unfavorable report in the Florida East Coast Canal project until those interested can prepare an answer to that report. In reply you are informed that action by the board will be withheld for such reasonable time as may be required for the above mentioned purpose. It is requested that the board be advised as soon as you are ready to take the matter up and in any case that you report not later than next spring of the progress made.

Very respectfully,
Francis R. Brink,
Lieut. Col., Corps of Engineers, Member.

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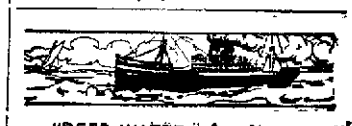
The object of this Association is to secure from the Federal Congress appropriations for the acquisition either by purchase or condemnation proceedings, the entire East Coast Canal from Jacksonville to Key West. To work in conjunction with the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association in the furtherance of their project.



"DEEP WATER," Our Slogan.

STATE SHOULD ASSERT RIGHT

Relative to the suit that the State of Florida is bringing against the Canal Company to compel said company to maintain the canal in accordance with the provisions of its charter, there has been much question and discussion as to just what the charter specifies.

In January, 1915, F. C. Elliott, chief drainage engineer of the State, made a report on the Florida Coast Line Canal to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. It appears that the original charter was changed from time to time, either by request of the company and agreed to by the State, or the Internal Improvement Board, or by order of the State or Internal Improvement Board and agreed to by the company.

In 1906 we find this:

"Second: The Canal Company shall maintain the Canal at a depth of six feet, and a width of 50 feet or greater along the entire line of the Canal, and in the event of the failure of the Canal Company so to maintain its canal the title of the same shall become vested in the State of Florida."

In the same agreement the State was to deed to the Canal Company certain lands, which was done, the company accepted the lands and disposed of them.

The company never has dug its entire canal six feet deep, neither has it maintained the required depth and width.

Again in 1910 a resolution of the Internal Improvement Board refers to the above mentioned conditions thus: "It is incumbent upon the said East Coast Canal and Transportation company, under its contract with the trustees to maintain its canal at a depth of six feet and a width of 50 feet or greater along the eastern line of the canal, and in the event of failure so to do, the said canal shall become vested in the state."

Since that time no action of the trustees can be found which modifies the dimensions set forth.

Eleven years after this agreement between the Internal Improvement Board and the Canal company, in which time the company has supposedly completed its work and been paid in full by the state, we ask why the title of this canal is not now in the state of Florida.

The state of Florida gave to this private Canal company over 1,000,000 acres of valuable Florida land under contract that they dig and maintain a canal six feet deep and 50 feet wide from the junction of the St. Johns river and Pablo creek on the north, to the city of Miami on the south. The Canal company have failed in their contract. Now let the state assert her right, according to agreement, to the title of this canal and the people will see to it that it is maintained.

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The Gossip Say—

The open season for beggars and grafters is on and Florida with its warm climate during the winter months offers a good field for these people who come south to escape the cold and pick up easy money while here. It seems to me New Smyrna never entertained so many beggars in the same length of time as have infested this city during the last few weeks. This class of persons is kept moving out of other towns and seems to find green fields in New Smyrna.

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What has become of the chautauqua committee of 45 members that signed up last winter for a return engagement this season? What's everybody's business seems to be nobody's business, but somebody ought to call that committee together and have arrangements made when the company sends in their dates for their entertainment here. Allowing for a liberal amount of criticism, it must be conceded that last year's course was by far the most refined entertainment provided here during the winter, and if we expect to continue with success something of the same nature, it is time to be planning for it.

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If you hired a superintendent to look after your business you would naturally expect him to be on the alert to protect and advance your interests at all times. In the controversy over who owns the paving material being dug up on Magnolia street ahead of the cement laying gang, the citizens have a right to expect the city officials to fight for the interests of the city as against individuals. If that paving material is worth anything and can be used to advantage on other city streets the city officials should be the first ones to use every effort to have the material so used. The material was originally paid for with city taxes and we elect city officials to look out for our interests in all matters.

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On all sides one hears it remarked that New Smyrna has more people here than ever before at this time of year. Many are making their first visit and we should be anxious to make their first impression a good one. To do so we ought to present our neatest appearance, but it is a deplorable fact that New Smyrna's general appearance this winter is slack and untidy. Many times before she has looked much neater and better kept. Why is it that the city officials and other property owners are not taking enough interest in attracting people here to clear the streets of bits of paper and other rubbish that are a disgrace to our good appearance? There are too many well kept cities along our coast for people to be satisfied where a spirit of slovenliness prevails.

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Sunday School Class Party

Mrs. W. H. Newell entertained her Sunday school class of girls last Thursday afternoon. Several games were played, among them a guessing contest in which Lavina Riley was successful in winning the prize. Fruit punch and cake were served.

Entertains for Cousin

Honoring her cousin, Miss Evelyn Schiffman, of Greensboro, N. C., who has been spending the holiday vacation here, Mrs. L. H. Elias pleasantly entertained at cards Friday afternoon. The living room was attractively decorated in holiday greens with red poinsettias and yellow marigolds intermingled. Several interesting games of five hundred were played, and when scores were added it was found that Miss Edna Greer held the highest and Miss Ruth Holly second. Miss Edna was awarded a pair of silk hose and Miss Ruth a box of dainty linen handkerchiefs. Miss Schiffman, as the guest of honor, was presented a georgette crepe collar. Following the games the hostess served a delicious two course luncheon, consisting of fruit cocktail, chicken salad and hot rolls with olives and salted almonds, and ice cream and cake with mints. The affair was one of the pleasantest given for the younger set during the holiday vacation. Those invited were: Misses Edna Greer, Genevieve Mathews, Elise Dupon, of Savannah; Mabie Paul, Helen Thompson, Fearn Hibbard, Mildred Newberry, Mary Louise and Harriette Crane, Maud and Ruth Holly, and Mrs W. B. W. Howe, of Hendersonville, N. C.

GEORGE F. CROUCH WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR SCHOOL BOARD

DeLand News: George F. Crouch, of Daytona, chairman of the Volusia county school board for the past four years, and re-elected for two years longer, failed to qualify for the office and will not do so.

Mr. Crouch finds that his business demands all his time and that he cannot longer afford to give the time necessary to properly fill the office of school commissioner.

Failing to qualify, it will be up to Governor Catts to appoint some one from the coast district to succeed Mr. Crouch.

His resignation will be a distinct loss to the county, as he has always worked for the good of the schools—and to keep the board out of politics.

Clarendon Dinner Party

Carl Hawkins will go to Daytona tomorrow to join a dinner party at the opening of the Clarendon hotel. The party will be guests of Dr. Meinhardt and will include besides Mr. Hawkins, Miss Marjorie Cramond and Miss Clover.

SERMON LECTURES ON MENTAL HEALING

Rev. Robt. A. George, pastor of the Congregational church, begins a series of Sunday evening lectures on Mental Healing next Sunday evening, January 7.

The subjects are as follows:

January 7—The History of Mental Healing.

Jan. 14.—Mrs. Eddy as a Teacher of Mental Healing.

Jan. 21—The Theology and Philosophy of Christian Science as a School of Healing.

Jan. 28.—Science and Health with a Key to Scriptures, a Book on Mental Healing.

Feb. 4.—The Healing of Christ and his Apostles.

Feb. 11.—The Emmanuel Movement in Mental Healing.

Feb. 18.—The Law of the Subjective Mind in Mental Healing.

Feb. 25.—The Law of Faith and Suggestion, the Basis of All Mental Healing.

Dr. George has given much study to this subject and speaks with the authority of an expert. In this series there will be a broad minded study of facts. All who are interested and open minded are invited to attend, except those who are members of other churches.

THE ELSON ART EXHIBIT

The management of the Elson Art Exhibit company's collection of pictures wishes to publicly acknowledge the services of those who worked to make the exhibition a success. To Geo. W. Marks, through whose interest and co-operation the pictures were brought to New Smyrna; to the ladies of the Episcopal Guild for the use of their hall which was so admirably suited to the purpose; to Mrs. S. M. Jones and Mrs. T. L. Howell, for the donation of refreshments, and to the latter and Mrs. Geo. Branning for attendance at the hall during sessions; to Mrs. W. C. Chowning for the musical program and other valuable assistance; to Miss Elsie Saxton, Louis and Kenneth Howell and Arthur Van de Sande for help in decorating the hall.

(Signed) Marie V. d. S. Frost,
Chairman Art Department,
Florida Federation Women's Clubs

Mayor McKay of Tampa has started a move to have the city purchase the plant of the Tampa Waterworks company, whose franchise expires in about two years.

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Electors of the Redland section of Dade county recently voted to issue $85,000 in bonds for the construction of hardsurfaced highways and bridges in that district.

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The city council of Jacksonville has appointed a standing committee to supervise the expenditure of the $5,000 recently appropriated for the purpose of nationally advertising that city.

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That it is only a matter of very short time until a railroad will be constructed from Lake Okeechobee to West Palm Beach is the opinion of those who were in close conference with Charles H. Baker, of New York, capitalist and promoter who has just terminated a stay of two days in West Palm Beach.

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The Florida Engineering society came into being a few days ago, when representative engineers from all parts of the state met in Jacksonville and adopted a constitution and by-laws and elected officers for the ensuing year. The membership includes representatives from the various branches of engineering.

By a vote of 764 to 72, the citizens of Jacksonville ratified the telephone franchise sought by the American Telephone and Telegraph company to build a long distance line through the city to connect with the line being built down the East Coast and thence by cable to Havana, Cuba.

WEATHER REPORT

for the week ending Jan 1, as reported by Frank J. Nordman, co-operative observer:

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
26	76	59	.00
27	79	58	.06
28	82	59	.00
29	82	57	.00
30	71	58	.00
1	76	50	.00
31	68	58	.00

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RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	$283,463.65	Capital Stock	$25,000.00
Overdrafts	95.09	Surplus and Profits	3,931.04
Stocks and Bonds	37,910.00	Dividends Unpaid	240.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,900.00	DEPOSITS	364,806.10
Real Estate	205.73		
Cash and due from Banks	67.402.67		
	$393,977.14		$393,977.14

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LOCAL NEWS

*Let Herrick Fix it.

Mrs. Davis and son Jesse returned Sunday from a visit to Georgia.

Mrs. J. Cross and children of Port Orange visited Mrs. S. Ross this week.

*It is better than ever. New Smyrna Home Bakery.

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Mrs. J. J. Francis visited relatives in St. Augustine last week.

*Break your cold or lagrippe with a few doses of 666.

Mrs. S. P. Matthews spent several day this week in Palatka with her husband.

Mrs. N. L. Hay arrived Saturday from Palatka to visit her daughter. Mrs. W. L. Riley.

*Ask for and be sure to get New Smyrna Home Bakery bread. It is the best and freshest.

Trinity Ladies' aid held a business meeting at the church Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Rowe and daughter May spent the week end in Jacksonville with relatives.

*For Sale—Choice improved and unimproved residence property. Cheap terms. G. H. CRANE.

W. B. Eckler returned to West Palm Beach Sunday after spending several weeks here with his family.

Mrs. Carrie Standish arrived Sunday from Fort Lauderdale to visit her sister, Mrs. R. S. Sheldon.

John L. Paterson, of Cocoa, stopped here Sunday and visited friends. He was on his way to DeLand.

Lavinia and Ruth Riley went to Jacksonville Tuesday to visit for a few days at the E. J. Rogero home.

Dr. and Mrs Robertson will arrive tomorrow from their home in Utica, Mich., to spend the winter here, as usual.

Miss Corinne Little left Tuesday for Douglass, Ga., where she is a teacher in the public schools. Miss Little had been spending the holiday vacation here and on a trip down the coast as far as Key West.

Mrs. Harry McCarthy, with her two children accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pape, here from Marietta, O., and went on Monday to Miami to join her husband.

*Dr. Farr, Osteopath, Wash. St.

James Stephens, father of Mrs. F. N. Holley, left Wednesday for his home in Logansville, Ga., after a two weeks' visit here.

Mrs. Zernie Hoover and two children returned Wednesday to St. Augustine after a visit of several days here.

Miss Whitney Hibbard went to DeLand Tuesday to visit for a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. S. Robinson.

Mrs. W. F. Adair returned to her home in Jacksonville Sunday, after a visit of ten days with her parents, Mr and Mrs. C. A. Clouser.

Miss Ethel Faulk of Milton, Fla., arrived last Sunday and will spend the rest of the winter with her aunt, Mrs. G. C. Beck.

Joe Bryan has been helping out in both the Fidelity and State banks during the closing up of the books at the end of the year.

Foster Brown returned last week to Lakeland. He had been here to attend the G. W. Brown family reunion at Christmas time.

Hereafter Dr. E. J. Meuhardi will spend but two days a week in his office here on account of his private patients in Daytona.

Mrs. P. R. Lopez and children returned Tuesday from St. Augustine, where they had been visiting at the home of Mrs. Lopez's parents.

C. Pinder, who has been employed for several weeks in the train dispatcher's office, has resigned and returned Wednesday to Salem, N. C.

Dr. R. R. Niblack returned yesterday from Lake City, where he has been spending the holidays with relatives and friends.

Kenneth Arnold returned to Fort Pierce Sunday, after spending Christmas week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Arnold.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church, South, held their regular monthly business meeting at the church Tuesday afternoon.

Prof. and Mrs. R. S. Blanton are spending the holidays in south Florida with relatives. They are taking the trip by motor.—Live Oak Democrat

Mr and Mrs. J. P. Byers and daughter, of Philadelphia, are recent arrivals who will spend some time here. They are located at the Ocean House

Mrs. C. J. Norman and children arrived home yesterday from Mandarin, where they were called several days ago by the death of Mrs. Norman's mother.

You can get anything but money and postage stamps printed at the New Smyrna News up to date printing shop.

*All work guaranteed by Herrick.

W. L. Lopez and family, who moved to Eustis several months ago, have returned and will again make their home here.

J. B. Lawton, of New Smyrna, spent Christmas in this city at the home of has father-in-law, Rev. J. S. Chapman, where his wife is a several weeks guest.—Lake City Reporter.

Rev. and Mrs. Kinner Hollister returned yesterday to their home in Alachua, after spending the holidays with Mrs. Hollister's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown.

Von Berg Arnold, who has been employed for some time in the Home Bakery here, left Sunday for West Palm Beach, where he has accepted a position as foreman of Gibson's Bakery.

Miss Nina Hawkins of the St. Augustine Record staf, and her brother, Howard E. C. Hawkins, spent New Year's here with their brother, Carl. They returned home Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. Copeland returned the latter part of last week to their home in Jacksonville, after spending the holidays with Mrs. Copeland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown.

Miss Evelyn Schiffman, of Greensboro, N. C., who has been spending the holiday vacation here with her cousin, Mrs. L. H. Elias, returned Tuesday to Deland to take up her school work in Stetson university.

*Oranges and grapefruit for sale in 10, 20, 40 and 80 lb. boxes; also loose fruit by the 100 or dozen. Packing house on Wayne avenue, west of railroad. W. E. SWOOPE. 27-tf

Mr and Mrs H U Bonnett drove to Walton Saturday, where they formerly lived and visited friends, returning home Monday night They were accompanied by Mrs Bonnett's mother, Mrs. J. Y. Detwiler

Judge and Mrs T. J. Mitchell arrived Thursday from Bonneterre, Mo., and are located for the season at Mrs. Virginia Shipper's. They are happy to get back to New Smyrna and its delightful winter weather.

Miss Harriett B. Welch, one of last year's public school teachers, stopped off here Saturday on her return to Fort Lauderdale, where she is teaching this year. She had been attending the teachers' convention in Arcadia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pape arrived Monday from their northern home in Marietta, Ohio, and are comfortably located for the rest of the season in their home on Faulkner street. Mr. Pape says there are several more people yet to come from their section of the country.

Miss Lelia Brandt returned home Monday from Miami, where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Lyle Hammond, and went to St. Augustine Tuesday to visit friends for the rest of the week.

Mr and Mrs. S. J. Pence, accompanied by Miss Frier, drove to Jacksonville Saturday They returned Wednesday accompanied by Mr and Mrs. W. H. Lyons, parents of Mrs Pence, who have come from Olaton, Ky., to spend the winter here.

Chas Lee and Miss Marjorie Cramond, who have been stopping at the Ocean House for several weeks, left Thursday for Daytona and will spend the winter there with Mr. Lee's brother, Frank H. Lee. They are located temporarily at the Morgan, waiting for the opening of the Clarendon.

Frank Noble, wife and daughter and brother, Broughton Noble, arrived Friday from Plantsville, Conn., and are located at Mrs. C. E. Pitzer's for the winter. They are friends of the Geo. S. Allen family of Plantsville, and have spent other winters here.

Mrs. N. F. Brandt returned Sunday from St Augustine, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Hazel, and Miss Marguerite Stanford of Philadelphia, a guest at the Hotel St. George, where Miss Hazel is located The young ladies spent New Year's here, returning to St. Augustine Tuesday.

M. H. Jones of the University of Florida, who has been spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. G. C. Beck, left Tuesday for DeLand to attend the students' council that is in session there this week. Mr. Jones is a law student and goes as a delegate from that institution.

Several auction players met at the Woman's club Wednesday night and engaged in several games. Mrs. E. A. Latham and Mrs. J. P. Teats received prizes for high score. Chicken sandwiches and coffee were served by Mesdames J. H. Hibbard and E. E. Neal, who gave the party for the benefit of the Woman's club.

*Let Herrick Fix it.

John Y. Detwiler left Sunday for Tallahassee, where he planned to attend the inauguration of Governor Catts Tuesday and spend several days in the capital city on business and discussing proposed legislation which will be considered by the session of the legislature this spring.

Students Go Back to School

The students who have been spending their vacations here have all returned to their school work this week, among them being Irene Brown, Duval high school, Jacksonville; Zelia Wilson and Quinton Parker, Woman's college, Tallahassee; Harriette Crane, Fearn Hibbard, Donald and Floyd Murray, Stetson university, DeLand; Dan Smith, Will Lourcey and Juan Bibolini, State university, Gainesville.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of RONNOC GROVE CO., a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Florida, will be held at its office in New Smyrna, Fla., on the 8th day of January, 1917, at 3:30 o'clock p. m.

MAURICE W. ASHTON.
Ass't Sec'y.
31-32

Installation Monday Night

The newly elected officers of Dolores Chapter, number 3, Order Eastern Star, will be installed next Monday evening, January 8. A social session will follow the regular work. Visiting members are invited to attend.

Appreciate Home Patronage

The managers of the Ocean House express themselves as well pleased with the success of their opening dinner New Years night, and wish to thank the people of New Smyrna for their liberal patronage and help in making the affair a success

C. M. DALY WILL CONTINUE FOREMAN AT RAILROAD SHOPS

It is reported that C. M. Daly whose resignation as foreman of the railroad shops, located here was announced to take effect January 1 has reconsidered the matter, and will continue in the same position Mr. Daly has been allowed an assistant whose help will lighten somewhat the heavy work he has been doing.

Boy Scouts Camping

About a dozen of the Boy Scouts have been spending the week at Lake Ashby. They left by train Saturday morning for Indian Springs and from there walked to Lake Ashby, carrying blankets, cooking utensils and provisions with them. They were accompanied by Scoutmaster A. Cary-Elwes.

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Surprise Mrs. Montaigne

Twenty two of the neighbors and friends of Mrs. R. L. Montaigne gave her a surprise party last Tuesday. They went in tacky costumes and carried along a liberal supply of coffee and cake which was served after some time spent in various sorts of amusement pleasing to all

Attends Inauguration

Gilbert D Webster returned Wednesday from Tallahassee, where he went to attend the inauguration of Governor Catts and enjoy the ceremonies in connection with the inauguration. He says the ceremonies were very impressive and were witnessed by the largest crowd ever in Tallahassee.

Dr. Carnine Speaks Here

Dr. Carnine came over from DeLand Thursday and preached that evening in Trinity Methodist church. His subject was "The Condition and Unification of Methodism," and a good sized audience of church people were present to hear his splendid discourse. Friday evening he preached in the Methodist church at Coronado.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lyle and little daughter, Evelyn, arrived Sunday from Daytona and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Carrol, and visiting other relatives and friends. Mr. Lyle returned Monday evening to Daytona, but Mrs Lyle and little daughter will visit relatives at Adel, Ga., before returning to their home at Daytona.—Live Oak Democrat.

Death of Tanner Child

The four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tanner died Wednesday afternoon from a complication of diseases originating with measles. The best medical aid and attention was provided but the little body was too frail to withstand the attack. The father and mother are sadly bereaved over the loss of their little one, their only child, and have the sympathy of all in their hour of sorrow. The body was prepared for burial by the R. S. Maley undertaking establishment and was forwarded yesterday to Macclenny for burial.

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McKeown Girls Entertain

About twenty-four young people of the town enjoyed a pleasant time last Saturday night as guests of Miss Dorothy and Catherine McKeown, at their winter home on Magnolia street. Some time was spent in dancing and a delicious Welsh-rarebit was served afterward. This was one of several pleasant holiday affairs enjoyed by the young people.

Current Events Club

There will be a meeting of the Current Events club next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Woman's club Each member is asked to be prepared with two interesting current events concerning foreign, national and state affairs. All members are expected to attend, and any one else who is a member of the Woman's club is cordially invited.

Injured Trainman Improved

Harry Buchanan, the East Coast road trainman, who had his foot crushed in the coupling of two freight cars at Cocoa several weeks ago, has so far recovered as to be able to leave the railroad hospital at St. Augustine and came back to New Smyrna Tuesday. He will be compelled to use crutches for some time, but feels fortunate that amputation of the injured member was not necessary.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

W. Walton Crawford arrived Friday from New York to assume the duties of Superintendent of the New Smyrna Public Service company, which position was made vacant by the promotion of J. C. Lyle to Daytona several months ago Mr. Crawford is a young man of pleasing personality and he and his wife, whom we understand are newly-weds, will be cordially welcomed by the people of New Smyrna.

Auction at Carson's

Mrs. C. A. Carson entertained the Auction club Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. K. L. Chilton held high score and received a book on "Scientific Auction" The hostess served a salad course with sandwiches and coffee. The following were playing: Mesdames. J. P. Teats, C. L. Davis, E. E. Neal, Geo Crane, E. A. Latham, J. H. Hibbard H. L. Rood, C. W. Pennell, G. H. Werfleman, P. A. Powers, C. A. Pittenger and K. L. Chilton.

Music Class Recital

The piano pupils of Mrs. E. L. Greer gave their semi-annual recital at her home last Friday afternoon. There were present to enjoy it several of the parents and friends of those taking part. The class includes fifteen, varying from near beginners to those who have been studying for some time As usual each one showed considerable improvement since the last recital, reflecting much credit upon their instructor, Mrs. Greer. After the recital refreshments of fruit punch and cakes were served and a social half hour enjoyed by the pupils and their guests. The class includes Edith Nowell, Whitney Hibbard, Ruby Yarbrough, Mildred Wilson, Nellie Ferreira, Eleanor Wilkinson, Ruth Riley, Virginia Chowning, Elizabeth Ireland, Charlotte Eckler, Pearl Woodward, Lola Yarbrough, Gladys Wilkinson, Zeha Frances Bouchelle and Valerie Yarbrough.

AFTERNOON CARD PARTY WILL BE GIVEN FOR WOMAN'S CLUB

Next Wednesday afternoon there will be a card party at the Woman's club for the benefit of the fund for running expenses. There will be an opportunity to play both auction and five hundred. Those who like to play cards and are interested in helping out the club are urged to attend. The games will begin at half past two. Mrs J. H Hibbard and Mrs. E. E. Neal representing the house committee, will act as hostesses.

NEW GAS ENGINE WILL BE RECEIVED HERE SOON

The Bibbs gas engine which was purchased some time ago by the city to use for pumping the water from the well site west of the city to the elevated tank, is now being tested by the engine people and will be shipped to New Smyrna within the next few days, according to information received by the city council A telegram read at the meeting of the city council this week contained the information that the engine will be here soon. The base for the engine has been prepared and it will be set in place as soon as it arrives.

Sanitary Inspector Resigns

Josh Blount has resigned as sanitary inspector for the city of New Smyrna and has gone to Miami, where he has accepted a position and will remain indefinitely.

Christian Endeavor Social

The members of the Christian Endeavor of the Congregational church will hold a social in the parlors of the church next Tuesday evening, January 9. There will be games and a general good time, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

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State Geologist Sellards and Prof. Hay Concur in Opinion after Study of Fossil Found at Vero---Say Men Grew 12 Feet Tall.

That human beings inhabited the North American continent more than 125,000 years ago has been conclusively proven through a recent discovery in this state by E. H. Sellards, state geologist, and Prof. Oliver P. Hay, who have made a study of the fossil. Though their opinions are not fully concurred in by other scientists, they are positive that their researches have been thorough and there is no room for a mistake.

The discovery was made several months ago, and though nothing of a definite nature had been given out until recently, it is now officially stated that human bones intermingled with those of the mastodon, saber tooth tiger, and many other extinct animals that formerly ranged this hemisphere have been found. The deposit was found near Vero.

That the human beings were of enormous size is evidenced by the bones. It is thought some were ten or twelve feet in height. Some excellent specimens of the skeleton of these gigantic men have been found, some of them locked in the deadly embrace of great animals, with strange weapons of bone clutched in skeleton hands a foot long. It is thought the reason so many animal bones had been found with those of the human skeletons is because they were possibly engaged in deadly fights with them and fell victims to the superior strength of the animals after they had wounded them.

After the deposit was found at Vero six geologists and anthropologists hurried there and began a research. After delving into the ancient caves and fitting together the bones of the extinct animals into weird skeletons they made a report in the January-February issue of the Journal of Geology.

Mr. Sellards is quoted as saying that the deposit was the oldest from which human remains have ever been taken. If this research proves to be all that the scientists think it is, the world at large will be astounded to know that the things which have long been suspected are true.

There are many who believe Bering Straight was crossed ages ago by inhabitants of European countries who probably had to flee across the Stanovol mountains of Siberia. It is only a short stretch which could have been made in an open galley and they could have made their way from Alaska and gradually worked down into this uttermost part of the North American hemisphere, seeking the most natural thing in the world, which would be the climate.

It is not at all impossible that people even then did not realize that the climate of this peninsula was superior to that of any other country in the world. Mr. Sellards is quoted as saying in his advance sheets of the report:

"The study of the fossils of this stratum, although not yet completed, has brought to light a considerable number of extinct species, which suggest the reference of the deposit to the pleistocene period. This is the oldest deposit from which human remains have ever been taken."

Dr. Hay, who is research associate of the Carnegie Institute of Washington, expresses similar views as those quoted by Mr. Sellards. The reports of four other scientists are not in favor of the idea expressed by Dr. Hay and Mr. Sellards. They do not believe that the human race existed on this continent before the glacial period. These four scientists are Prof. R. T. Chamberlain, University of Chicago; Thomas Wayland Vaughan, United States Geological Survey; Dr. Alex Hardlick, United States National Museum, and Prof. George McCurdy, of Yale University.

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A FASHION AUTHORITY SPEAKS

There is no longer any doubt about the fashions of 1917, says Harper's Bazar in its January number, now ready. The straight cut "little" dresses express the spirit of the moment in elegance and novelty. But the term "simplicity," applied to them, is merely comparative, for materials are of a richness heretofore unknown.

And, a few pages further along in a fashion article signed by the great New York fashion originator, Henri Bendel, we come upon these ominous words—ominous for husbands and fathers who must pay the dressmakers' bills. "At Palm Beach nowadays, the woman puts on one of her dozen good looking sports costumes in the morning, and wears it straight through until dinner. Three years ago a woman had to dress at least four or five times a day; wearing one gorgeous creation after another. But let not anyone imagine that this change means any less expenditures. On the contrary. The most delicate and costly fabrics are used for sports clothes, and the wardrobe costs just as much as in the old days, perhaps more."

We recommend this January Harper's bazar to all ladies among our readers, but, as suggested above, it might be wise to conceal its fashion predictions from the man behind the family check book.

LOW TIDES ON THE BEACH

Afternoon and forenoon tides come at approximately the same hour and minute

Day	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
1	6 37	7 35	9 06	7 31	[illegible]
2	6 59	8 35	10 04	8 33	[illegible]
3	8 01	9 37	10 58	9 31	[illegible]
4	9 05	10 30	11 7	10 24	[illegible]
5	10 03	11 25	12 31	11 11	[illegible]
6	10 58	12 10	1 07	11 58	[illegible]
7	11 48	12 56	1 46	12 48	[illegible]
8	12 [illegible]	1 37	2 20	1 11	[illegible]
9	1 17	2 11	2 50	1 47	[illegible]
10	1 56	2 46	3 23	2 20	[illegible]
11	2 [illegible]	3 21	3 57	2 51	[illegible]
12	3 12	3 54	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
13	3 49	4 23	5 20	[illegible]	[illegible]
14	4 29	5 12	6 15	1 04	[illegible]
15	5 12	6 02	7 17	1 51	[illegible]
16	5 59	6 47	8 22	[illegible]	[illegible]
17	6 25	7 18	9 27	6 55	[illegible]
18	7 29	8 50	10 30	8 00	[illegible]
19	8 22	9 51	11 28	9 07	10 [illegible]
20	9 19	10 50	12 22	10 06	11 [illegible]
21	10 17	11 19	1 10	11 01	[illegible]
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SEES SOLUTION IN PROPOSED DISTRICT

(Continued from Page 3.)

this. The federal authorities would be assured of the good faith and financial standing of the other contracting party—the navigation district.

Two small port navigation districts were formed in Texas, one in Oregon and one in Louisiana. In each instance the federal government promptly contributed one-half to the expenses.

The enlistment of the national government would be asked on the basis that expense of canal construction be equally born by the nation and by the drainage district—on the principal which is involved in the aid that the national government is extending the state governments in the construction of hard roads.

It is possible that more than fifty per cent of the expense in this case might be granted by federal authorities on the ground that it would be strengthening the national defense.

The St. Johns river and its tributary canals would afford safe harborage for light draught naval and commercial vessels in time of war—especially the fleet tenders. Florida bears an important position geographically, in relation to naval and commercial movements on the seas in this part of the North American continent.

The scope and the boundaries of the proposed canal or navigation district are of great importance. Its success imperatively demands, first of all, the combination of the East Coast section with that of the St. Johns river region, say the originators of the project. Otherwise two navigation districts would be formed and these would continue to contend against each other in the rivaling spirit which heretofore has obstructed waterway improvements in these districts.

The proposed navigation district would embrace approximately one-third of Florida's area, or more. It is the wealthiest section of the state.

The annual tax levy for the expense would be so negligible that it scarcely would be felt. It is believed certain the bond issue would be eaderly taken at a premium.

In view of these facts and of the general benefits involved, there seems little doubt that the project will receive strong support from the members of the legislature who live in the sections affected. Members from other sections should not have any cause to object to it.

EARLY POTATO CROP WILL BRING GOOD PRICES

Florida potato growers will find a ready sale for their spring crop at high prices, according to reports on the potato situation in the United States. There will be few, if any, potatoes left in storage by spring, and the southern truckers will be called on to supply the market until the main summer or fall crop farther north can be grown and harvested.

Unfavorable weather cut the main crop short in the northern growing regions, and the late crop, which is usually grown for seed, has been sold in part for table use at high prices. While this condition insures the southern trucker a good price for his early potatoes, it means also that he must pay a high price for his seed.

The high prices that will be offered for seed will induce some dealers to dump a low grade of potatoes on the seed market, and the extension division of the University of Florida warns the farmers and truckers to be on the lookout for diseased stock, mixed varieties and wrongly named varieties. If the buyer is not a good judge of seed, he should deal with reputable dealers only.

Farmers and truckers should not let the high prices paid for their early crop induce them to overplant for the fall crop. The northern growers will be planting heavily and if the growing season is at all favorable, the market will be glutted at harvesting time, cutting the price to a low figure. The Florida trucker, with his distance from market and the necessary purchase of high-priced fertilizer considered may not find the fall crop profitable.

The Florida Baptist state convention will hold its 62nd annual session in Orlando, Jan. 8th to 11th, inclusive. The largest attendance in the history of the organization is being expected, and an excellent program has been prepared for the occasion. Several prominent out-of-state Baptists are on the program.

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According to State Shell Fish Commissioner T. R. Hodges, Florida's oyster industry is being seriously menaced by the leech, which is said to have already done serious injury to the beds at Port Inglis, Tampa and Cedar Key. He is making an effort to interest the federal government in an investigation with a view to extermination of the pest, which made its appearance only a short time ago.

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Transportation by gasoline motor coaches between Jacksonville and Savannah will become effective on the Seaboard Air Line railway on the first of January. The coaches will carry 50 passengers and will travel at a speed of from forty to sixty miles an hour.

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An official announcement from the treasury department is to the effect that advertisements for the construction of DeLand's new postoffice building will probably be made not later than January 15th.

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Tourist headquarters, rest and reading room have been opened by the Lakeland chamber of commerce.

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Several army men of the United States war department are expected to come to Miami to enroll in the Curtiss Aviation school.

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New Year Resolving

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BULLETIN

Now is the time when so-called good resolutions are in order. It is about this time the newspaper humorists air their annual fusilade about the water wagon and discuss the "swear-offs" that are broken in the making. And about this same time the "young things," mostly boys in their near twenties, pair off in these two-some bargains to quit this, that or the other thing and fix a penalty for not living up to the contract that would break either of them tp pay. Somewhere between three and thirty days later they cancel the fettering prohibition together and neither pays—all even.

There is a psychological pecularity about much of this new year swearing off, in that most of it is a renunciation of some individual habit and it doesn't make much difference to anybody body else whether or not the self-imposed obligation is kept. But there are some pledges that might be of general good all around. Would it not be a good proposition for us Floridians to make some New Year pledges to each other, whose keeping would have a real mutual benefit for all of us? Let's not be selfish in our promises and plans for 1917. Let's include in them some don'ts and some do's, that will make our big state a more worth while, a little more prosperous, a little more healthful.

Florida has a pretty good start along the health way. God gave her a good send-off with an incomparable climate, clear air, fresh water and lots of it, and a setting in the midst of an ocean of ozone. It has seemed so good, so inexhaustable, that we have come to believe that there isn't any other spot on the globe that can touch us and that we don't have to be careful like the people in what we consider less favored sections. But we're wrong about that. Pride goes before a fall, and some of us are mighty proud already—near the danger point—of what we have, that we never did a thing to keep it as we found and accepted it.

For climate and all the other things are not worth much to us if we don't use them right. Florida has a low death rate, probably a trifle lower than the average for the entire country. It ought to be a great deal lower than it is, and why isn't it?

Because we are careless and let ourselves "catch" malaria, and once having it we keep it and pass it along to the neighbors, instead of promptly stamping it out of our own private systems.

We encourage typhoid fever and make a menace of ourselves to the family and the community. We don't have to do it. We could prevent it in ourselves and in the family circle and we could help keep it out of the block and the neighborhood.

We could keep our own front yards and backyards, too, clean and healthful. We could insist that the table and house refuse should be promptly and properly disposed of, so as to injure or threaten danger to no one, not even ourselves. We could screen our houses against the flies and mosquitoes and keep the screens in working order all the time, summer and winter. We could have some evidence of cheer and refinement in front of the house, in a front window, even if it were only a pot of carefully tended flowers. We could—most of us—stop making perpetual, year-round nuisances of ourselves and do our part at least, to banish sadness and gloom from our immediate and personal surroundings. We might quit being perpetual grouchers and kickers.

This good cheer business is a mighty big help in the family as well as away from home. The man who covers a big, heavy burden with a smile is more likely to get help to carry his load than if he advertised his troubles in his face.

And some of the things that would be good promises for the New Year for the individual man might fit the whole community. The town has a sense of the importance of sightliness for it is always improving main street, laying out a park, adorning the best residence thoroughfare. But it doesn't wash its face or brush its shoes. It does little to discourage litter and ugliness for which there is no good excuse. It permits private property owners to maintain all sorts of gross ocular nuisances. If a place smells rotten it intervenes. Why not intervene when it looks rotten?

It would be mighty good for Florida—this 1917—if all of us who are glad we are Floridians, who are hoping big thinks for our state and who ardently and confidently expect the tremendous prosperity of the future, if we would consistently and honestly promise and do some of these things that will make her more healthful, something to reduce the sick and death rates and help win for Florida the distinction of the fewest deaths each year, for each thousand of her population, fewer than any other state or section in the Union. It is possible. Will you help this year? You never have before. Begin now.

GOOD BLOOD IN LIVE STOCK WILL PAY THE FARMER

Since the opening of good markets for livestock of all kinds at the Moultrie, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla. packing houses, farmers are beginning to learn from experience the lesson that good blood in livestock brings the greatest financial returns. No matter how much information is offered farmers through the various educational agencies, bulletins and farm papers, there is nothing that brings this subject home to some farmers as quickly as a touch through the pocketbook nerve.

For years packers have paid better prices for cattle and hogs that show evidence of breeding for beef and pork production, and that are uniform in size, quality and condition. Packers will continue to make these differences in prices because they know by experience it pays them better to select animals that will produce the highest percentage of high priced meats when slaughtered.

It will pay the farmer to follow these demands of the market. C. L. Willoughby, professor of animal husbandry, at the University of Florida College of Agriculture, relates the experience of a good farmer near Newberry who sold a car of well fattened native mixed hogs last week on the Jacksonville market for $7.30 per 100 pounds. Another carload of hogs showing a large proportion of Duroc Jersey blood sold the same day for $8.60 per 100 pounds, though they were lighter weight.

This sale convinced the farmer that he should grade up his herd with improved blood, and he immediately bought two purebred Duroc Jersey boars to use on his best grade sows, and also bought two purebred Duroc Jersey sows to provide boars for future use. He expects to be marketing in less than two years nothing but pigs that have at least half Duroc Jersey blood, and is confident of getting the higher prices offered by the market.

The same rule holds good for any other well known breed that suits the farm conditions of Florida.

Church Notes

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On Faulkner street.
O. T. Usleman, Pastor.
H. S. Walker, Sunday school superintendent.
Preaching services each Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 o'clock p. m.
Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock a. m.
Epworth League services at 6:45 o'clock Sunday evening.
Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Corner Faulkner and Washington streets.
B. F. Green, Pastor
M. W. Ashton, Sunday school superintendent.
Preaching services each Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 o'clock p. m
Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evenings at 7:30 o'clock.

METHODIST CHURCH, SOUTH.
Corner Palmetto and Douglas streets.
H. A. Spencer, Pastor.
Preaching services each Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 o'clock p. m by the pastor. Congregational singing. Chorus choir.
Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock a. m.
Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7 p. m.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Corner Palmetto and Downing streets.
W. H. Cresson, Rector.
Services first and third Sundays in each month. First Sunday: Holy communion at 8 a. m., morning prayer at 11 a. m. and evening prayer at 7:30 p. m. Third Sunday, prayer at 7 p. m. Third Sunday: Holy communion and sermon at 11 a. m., evening prayer at 7:30 p. m.
Litany service Friday at 7:30 p. m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.
On Faulkner street.
Father Barry in charge.
Services twice in the month, on the second and fourth Sundays. On these Sundays mass is said at 10 a. m. and evening devotions at 7:30 p. m.
Bible history class at 4 p. m. on the Fridays preceding the second and fourth Sundays.
Catechism class at 9 a. m. on the Saturdays preceding the second and fourth Sundays.
Mass at 7 a. m. on the Mondays following the second and fourth Sundays.
Sunday school every Sunday at 9 a. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.
Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Woman's club room in the Gomez building on Magnolia street. Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
On Washington street.
Robert A. George, pastor.
J. R. Berry, Sunday school superintendent.
Sunday services: 10 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., morning service; 6:30 p. m., young people's hour; 7:30 p. m., evening service.
Wednesday evening, 7:30 o'clock, fellowship night.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST.
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Sabbath school every Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock, followed by some form of religious service.
I. D. Swingle, Sabbath school superintendent.
Prayer meeting during the winter season every Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

CORONADO METHODIST CHURCH.
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FERTILIZER IS CHEAP WHEN PRODUCED ON THE FARM

Fertilizer may be produced on the farm in either of two ways; by growing legumes, such as velvet beans, cowpeas and beggarweed, or by feeding crops produced on the farm to livestock, saving the manure produced and returning it to the soil. Either of these methods is recommended by J. M. Scott, animal industrialist to the University of Florida experiment station.

The legume crops have the power to take ammonia from the air. Therefore, by growing velvet beans, cowpeas and beggarweed the amonia content of the soil can be increased. Such is not the case when corn and cotton are grown; they take amonia from the soil. When velvet beans are grown, and the vines left in the field to be plowed under the following winter, they will add ammonia to each acre equal to an application of more than $20 worth of cottonseed meal.

An acre of cowpeas will produce a good crop of hay, and after this has been removed the shattered leaves and the roots remaining, the plowing which follows will add ammonia to the soil equal to an application of 400 pounds of cottonseed meal. When crop rotation is practiced, the fertility of the soil can be increased. By the old method of continuous cropping in cotton or corn, the soil is depleted of available ammonia, phosphoric acid or potash, and the crop must depend almost wholly on commercial fertilizer.

By feeding farm crops to either beef or dairy cattle much manure will be produced, which should be saved and returned to the soil. A good cow or steer will produce in a year's time from six to seven tons of manure. The quality of it will depend entirely upon the quality of the feed. Feeds rich in ammonia will produce manure rich in ammonia. The body of the animal retains only about one-fifth of the ammonia in the feed; that is, for every hundred pounds of ammonia fed to an animal, eighty pounds are expected. By growing legume crops and feeding them to livestock on the farm, large quantities of manure rich in ammonia can be produced. It follows then that by growing the legume crops, feeding them to live stock and returning the manure to the fields, the fertility of the land will be so increased in a few years' time that potash and phosphoric acid, the cheaper elements in commercial fertilizer, will be the only ones that must be bought.

When it is necessary to buy ammonia, it should be bought in the form of cottonseed meal and the manure produced be used as a fertilizer. This gives the meal a double value; first, as a milk and meat producer, and second, a fertilizing value.

Every general farmer should arrange his crop rotation so that no ammonia as fertilizer need be bought.

BERTHS AND DEATHS MUST BE REGISTERED

Dr. Joseph Y. Porter, state health officer, has just finished sending out the supplies of blanks and forms to the local registrars in the state in order that they may learn the work of registering all births and death that occur after midnight of December 31 1916, in the state of Florida as provided by the vital statistics law which was enacted by the 1915 session of the legislature.

Beginning with the first of the year there is no reason why each and every birth and death that occurs within the state of Florida should not be registered, as a local registrar has been provided for each municipality and voting precinct.

Births are to be reported by the physician or midwife in attendance at the birth, and when no physician or midwife is in attendance, it becomes the duty of the father or mother to make such report to the local registrar of the municipality or voting precinct in which the vote occurred, and this report must be made within ten days after the date of birth.

Deaths are to be reported by the undertaker, or person acting as such, which includes any person having charge of the burial of a dead body. The law requires that they must file a certificate of death when the local registrar of the municipality or voting precinct in which the death occurred and procure a burial permit before making any disposition of a dead body or burial or otherwise.

The following is a list of the local registrars in and for each municipality and voting precinct in this part of Volusia county, with the territory covered by each:

New Smyrna, C. L. Dohn; Hawks Park, H. I. Hamilton; Oak Hill, E. L. Dyall; Lake Helen, W. J. Todd; Port Orange, Chas. Milburn; Glencoe, G. W. Futch.

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SWEET POTATO ROOT WEEVIL

By J. R. Watson

The sweet potato root weevil (Cylas formicarius) has become established in a few places in Florida and other Gulf states. The insect bores through and through sweet potatoes, utterly ruining them. Not only do the adults mine the roots, but they breed there, and their milk white soft bodied grubs continue the destruction.

The adult beetle is about a quarter of an inch long. The abdomen is cylindrical in shape and shiny blue in color. The thorax is reddish brown; legs and last joint of antennae are brown; and the head, including the long beak, which is held out straight in front, is black. The thorax is small and the legs long, which give to this handsome and striking beetle a superficial resemblance to an ant, hence the name of formicarius.

At digging time all infested potatoes should be carefully picked up at once, and fed to the pigs or cattle. By no means should any infested tubers be left lying in the field, nor should they be mixed with the sound potatoes, or put in storage. In fact, where this weevil is present, it would be good practice to dispose of all potatoes soon after digging and not attempt to store them, lest this dangerous pest be propagated.

After the crop is gathered hogs should be turned into the field to destroy all refuse matter from the crop.

Past experience has shown that where these measures are carried out carefully, the weevil can be almost exterminated. Growers of sweet potatoes should be on the lookout for this pest, and destroy it whenever found.

The adult beetles attack the sweet-potatoes in the field, entering the root at the stem end. They eat out cavities in which the females lay their oval, yellowish-white eggs. These eggs are about one-fortieth of an inch long. They then enter the pupa stage without leaving the potato. Thus it is seen that the whole life history is spent inside of the potato.

This, a tropical insect, being found in Cochin China, India, Madagascar, Guam, Cuba, Porto Rico, Jamaica and other West Indian islands. It was first found in the United States in 1875 in Louisiana. Since then it has been found in Texas. A year ago the Florida experiment station received specimens from the extreme southeastern part of the state. There is at the present time an outbreak of the pest in one of the northeastern counties of Florida. Previous to this it had been found in Manatee county. These are three widely separated parts of the state.

A contract has been practically closed in Tampa for a million cross ties for the French government. Shipment will probably be made within a month.

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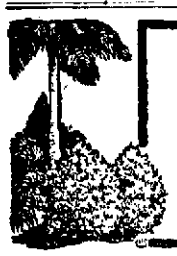
Titusville's new $60,000 school building is rapidly nearing completion.



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21 Daily	47 Daily	*53 Daily	29 Daily	Corrected to November 16, 1916		30 Daily	*80 Daily	38 Daily	22 Daily
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.....	9.20 PM	2.50 PM	10.50 AM	Lv ..... St. Augustine Lv		6.40 PM	12.25 PM	7.50 AM	.....
.....	9.59 PM	3.23 PM	11.33 AM	Lv ..... Hastings Lv		5.49 PM	11.33 AM	6.54 AM	.....
.....	10.50 PM	3.35 PM	11.50 AM	Lv ..... East Palatka Lv		5.32 PM	11.16 AM	6.35 AM	.....
.....	11.46 PM	4.24 PM	12.45 PM	Lv ..... Bunnell Lv		4.37 PM	10.27 AM	5.29 AM	.....
.....	12.27 AM	4.56 PM	1.23 PM	Lv ..... Ormond Lv		3.58 PM	9.51 AM	4.46 AM	.....
.....	12.39 AM	5.10 PM	1.36 PM	Lv ..... Daytona Lv		3.45 PM	9.40 AM	4.33 AM	.....
.....	12.50 AM	5.20 PM	1.47 PM	Lv ..... Port Orange Lv		3.33 PM	9.30 AM	4.20 AM	.....
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.....	1.49 AM	6.12 PM	3.00 PM	Lv ..... Oak Hill Lv		2.20 PM	8.36 AM	3.08 AM	.....
.....	2.25 AM	6.45 PM	3.37 PM	Lv ..... Titusville Lv		1.40 PM	8.03 AM	2.25 AM	.....
.....	2.55 AM	.....	4.09 PM	Lv ..... City Point Lv		1.09 PM	.....	1.50 AM	.....
.....	3.05 AM	7.19 PM	4.17 PM	Lv ..... Cocoa Lv		1.00 PM	7.27 AM	1.42 AM	.....
.....	3.06 AM	.....	4.20 PM	Lv ..... Rockledge Lv		12.56 PM	.....	1.38 AM	.....
.....	3.40 AM	7.50 PM	4.52 PM	Lv ..... Eau Gallie Lv		12.24 PM	6.57 AM	1.03 AM	.....
.....	3.50 AM	7.58 PM	5.01 PM	Lv ..... Melbourne Lv		12.14 PM	6.47 AM	12.53 AM	.....
.....	4.31 AM	8.34 PM	5.43 PM	Lv ..... Sebastian Lv		11.30 AM	6.00 AM	12.06 AM	.....
.....	5.30 AM	9.40 PM	7.00 PM	Lv ..... Fort Pierce Lv		10.30 AM	5.15 AM	11.05 PM	.....
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.....	9.35 AM	10.20 PM	7.41 PM	Lv ..... Stuart Lv		9.32 AM	4.22 AM	9.58 PM	.....
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.....	8.24 AM	.....	9.15 PM	Ar ..... Lake Worth Lv		7.39 AM	.....	8.02 PM	.....
.....	8.51 AM	12.18 AM	9.38 PM	Ar ..... Delray Lv		7.13 AM	2.21 AM	7.34 PM	.....
.....	9.55 AM	1.09 AM	10.30 PM	Ar ..... Fort Lauderdale Lv		6.17 AM	1.28 AM	6.33 PM	.....
.....	10.08 AM	.....	10.42 PM	Ar ..... Dania Lv		6.06 AM	.....	6.21 PM	.....
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*Trains 53 and 80 are not operated south of Miami on Sundays.
Note A—P. & O. steamships sail for Havana Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday only
Note B—P. & O. steamships sail from Havana Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday only.

Local Service Between Miami and Florida City

41 Daily	39 Daily	Electric Trains		40 Daily	42 Daily
2.30 PM	6.30 AM	Lv ..... Miami ..... Ar		9.20 AM	5.15 PM
2.45 AM	6.45 AM	Ar Coconut Grove Lv		9.05 AM	5.00 PM
2.52 PM	6.52 AM	Ar ..... Larkin Lv		8.57 AM	4.53 PM
3.13 PM	7.13 AM	Ar ..... Perrine Lv		8.35 AM	4.32 PM
3.23 PM	7.21 AM	Ar ..... Goulds Lv		8.24 AM	4.20 PM
3.30 PM	7.30 AM	Ar ..... Princeton Lv		8.18 AM	4.15 PM
3.45 PM	7.45 AM	Ar ..... Homestead Lv		8.00 AM	4.00 PM
3.50 PM	7.50 AM	Ar ..... Florida City Lv		7.55 AM	3.55 PM

PALATKA—EAST PALATKA

Lv East Palatka	5.30 AM,	6.40 AM,	9.50 AM,	11.50 AM,
	3.45 PM,	5.40 PM,	10.15 PM.	
Ar Palatka	5.55 AM,	7.05 AM,	10.15 AM,	12.25 PM,
	4.10 PM,	6.05 PM,	10.30 PM.	
Lv Palatka	6.00 AM,	8.00 AM,	10.45 AM,	3.00 PM,
	5.00 PM,	6.15 PM,	10.35 PM.	
Ar East Palatka	6.25 AM,	8.25 AM,	11.10 AM,	3.25 PM,
	5.25 PM,	6.40 PM,	10.50 PM	

203 Daily ex Sun.	201 Daily ex Sun.	ORANGE CITY BRANCH		200 Daily ex Sun.	202 Daily ex Sun.
3.10 PM	8.30 AM	Lv New Smyrna Ar		1.05 PM	7.00 PM
4.03 PM	10.30 AM	Lv Lake Helen Lv		12.10 PM	6.00 PM
4.14 PM	11.05 AM	Ar Orange City Lv		11.56 AM	5.18 PM
4.20 PM	11.20 AM	Ar Orange City J Lv		11.50 AM	5.10 PM

131 Daily ex Sun.	OKEECHOBEE BRANCH		132 Daily ex Sun.
2.20 PM	Lv ..... New Smyrna ..... Ar		12.46 PM
3.30 PM	Lv ..... Maytown Lv		11.45 AM
3.56 PM	Lv ..... Geneva ..... Ar		10.58 AM
4.14 PM	Lv ..... Chulota ..... Ar		10.36 AM
4.30 PM	Lv ..... Bithlo ..... Ar		10.15 AM
4.43 PM	Lv ..... Pocataw ..... Ar		10.04 AM
5.42 PM	Lv ..... Holopaw ..... Ar		9.03 AM
6.25 PM	Ar ..... Kenansville Lv		8.33 AM
7.23 PM	Lv ..... Osceola Lv		7.37 AM
7.35 PM	Lv ..... Fort Drum Lv		7.22 AM
8.30 PM	Ar ..... Okeechobee Lv		6.30 AM

120 Daily ex Sun.	ENTERPRISE BRANCH		130 Daily ex Sun.
2.30 PM	Lv ..... Titusville ..... Ar		7.00 PM
3.30 PM	Lv ..... Maytown Lv		6.10 PM
4.20 PM	Ar ..... Enterprise Lv		5.12 PM
4.30 PM	Ar ..... Enterprise Junction Lv		5.00 PM

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HAPPENINGS IN OUR NEIGHBORING VILLAGES

PORT ORANGE

L. G. Porter is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

C. M. Turner has been appointed one of the guards for the county convicts.

D. E. Lyon is installing a phone in his lumber office, and J. R. Carrow at his home. These will be quite a convenience to the public.

The 15-inch sewer pipe to be laid from the river to the slough along Herbert and Fleming avenues is being delivered by F. C. Sparkman.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wickem, from near Millensburg, Ill., have apartments in one of the Saker houses. Mrs. Erp, Mrs. Wickem's mother, is with them.

Mrs. Maynard, two daughters and her father, Mr. Kingsley, from Roscoe, N. Y., have leased Mrs. A. M. Martin's cottage, corner Herbert and Dunlawton.

PORT ORANGE

Mr. and Mrs. Filby, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. L. Bailey, have returned to their home at West Milton, Ohio, owing to Mrs. Filby's health.

Removing trees and underbrush along the east side of Ridgewood between Dunlawton and Herbert streets has greatly improved the appearance of the street.

We regret to learn that Mr. W. C. Moore and family, who had about completed their operations for spending the winter in Port Orange, have given up coming on account of the sickness of Miss Hildreth Moore.

Quite an extended conversation was held by some of our residents with the Kiefers at Omaha, Nebraska, on Wednesday night. The service was decidedly good and the possibility of such service is due to our local telephone company.

The recent guests at Tribbles are: J. M. Pabor, Richmond, Va.; C. L. Polhamus, Joliet, Ill; A. C. Burbank, St. Albans, Ok.; J. F. Goodwin and wife Wheeling, W. Va.; Mrs. Wayen Nusbaum, Ill; J. W. Ross, New York, Cory Lyda, East Palatka; Misses Florence and Winnifred Paxsons, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Nixon, Deer Creek, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Nessing, Denver, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Sherer, Dayton, Ohio; J. H. Cothron, Napoleon, O.; Mr. Emerick, Rochester, N. Y.; M. E. Oliff and wife, Jacksonville; Lieutenant Hull, Scranton, Pa.; S. E. Saxton, New York; Alfred P. Arthur, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins, Somanauk, Ill.; Mrs. Hart, Ill. Some 30 guests took Christmas dinner and quite a number dined on New Years.

HAWKS PARK

Mr. and Mrs. Preston of Henniker, N. H., are with us again for the winter. Glad to see you.

Mrs. C. E. Vrooman is learning to drive her new car that Chas. Sams delivered to her on New Year's day.

Don and Floyd Murray, who came home for the holiday vacation have returned to their work at Stetson University.

The dance Friday evening in the hall was enjoyed by a jolly crowd of young folks, a number of whom came out from New Smyrna.

Mrs. H. I. Hamilton and Madam E. Pierre are enjoying their new Ford that Mr. Sams delivered to them last Sunday.

W. S. Hart, while on his way to Daytona with three ladies, ran into another car and damaged his car pretty badly. He had to leave it in Daytona.

Gilbert Ballentine put the good launch Mernet on the river last week, and every one is glad to see the launch ready to take the jolly crowds she always has on board.

Mrs. Margaret Knapp returned Friday from Tampa, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Peter, who suffered a stroke of paralysis several months ago, and is not recovering as fast as her friends would like to have her.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford and daughter, Miss Nellie, Mr. and Mrs. C. Williams and Mrs. C. E. Vrooman spent New Year's day on the river in Mr. Crawford's launch Nettie. The party went to Turner's landing and enjoyed a fish dinner, and spent the afternoon on the beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins were honored by a reception at the hall Thursday evening. A large crowd came out to bid them goodbye. They left Sunday for the southern part of the state where Mr. Wiggins has work. We are sorry to see them go but hope they will return to us.

The dam across the West Palm Beach canal about 12 miles west of the city has been removed and it is now possible to navigate the canal all the way from West Palm Beach to Lake Okeechobee. It is believed that a regular boat service will soon be established for passengers and freight.

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Building permits representing a total of $14,960 were issued in Orlando last week.

GASTRIC REBELLION.

Some of the Mistakes in Eating That Incite Poor Digestion.

Indigestion is often attributed to hasty eating, and people are reproved, and rightly so, for bolting their food, but it is interesting to observe that, while the bolting of meat is always severely censured, one never hears any blame attached to those who swallow fruit by the mouthful and devour uncooked vegetables without any attempt at mastication. Nevertheless it is the hasty swallower of vegetable fiber who is really the inciter of gastric rebellion. Vegetables are at all times very imperfectly digested by the stomach and require their tough fibers to be thoroughly broken up by the teeth if they are to be dissolved even in the bowel.

There is a well known saying which avers that digestion waits upon appetite, and there is no doubt that of all the adjuvants to digestion a keen desire for food is the most powerful and important. But appetite itself often depends upon conditions which are independent of the body's absolute necessities. Thus the aspect of the food, its smell, taste and even the manner in which it is served all help either to stimulate a desire for it or to induce a sense of aversion, while the environment of the diner often exercises important influence, beneficial or otherwise.

Brain work of any kind interferes with the rapid digestion of food, and even the habit of reading during meal times, practiced by so many, is conducive neither to appetite nor digestion. A well lighted room, music and frivolous conversation will often permit a chronic dyspeptic to enjoy without remorse the pleasures of the table while a depressing atmosphere, in a genial company and unappetizing dishes may induce a fit of indigestion in the most healthy individual.—Food and Cookery.

CHARM OF THE BIBLE.

Its Poetic Beauty and the Marvel of Its Word Pictures.

Then some of us who cared for literature took up the Bible casually and found its poetic beauty. We read the book of Job—which, by the way, Mr. Swinburne is said to have known by heart—and as we read it even the stars themselves seemed less wonderful than this description of their marvel and mystery:

Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades or loose the bands of Orion?
Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? Or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?

Or we read in the thirty-seventh chapter of the book of Ezekiel of that weird valley that was full of bones—"and as I prophesied there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to bone"—surely one of the most wonderful visions of the imagination in all literature.

Or we read the marvelous denunciatory rhetoric of Jeremiah and Isaiah or the music of the melodious heartstrings of King David. We read the solemn adjuration of the "King Ecclesiast" to remember our Creator in the days of our youth, with its haunting picture of old age, and the loveliness of "The Song of Songs" passed into our lives forever.

To this purely literary love of the Bible there has been added within the last few years a certain renewed regard for it as the profoundest book of the soul, and for some minds not conventionally religious it has regained even some of its old authority as a spiritual guide and stay. And I will confess for myself that sometimes as I fall asleep at night I wonder if even the most picturesque of modern writers has written anything to equal the Twenty-third Psalm.—Richard Le Gallienne in Phoenix.

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Winter Playgrounds

The current issue of the literary Digest contains the following interesting story under the caption: "Winter Playgrounds in Florida."

Few states offer a greater diversity of winter resorts and winter pastimes than Florida. Here are ocean, lake and river resorts in profusion. Here too, is the unfailing fascination to the northerner of seeing vast groves of citrus trees laden with golden fruit. The present season in Florida promises to be the greatest on record. Hotel or cottage reservations should be made at once.

The resorts of Florida are divided naturally into three regions—those bordering the East Coast; those situated in the lake and river region of the interior and those on the west coast. For all of these Jacksonville is the main gateway. The northern tourist, whether by rail or water, passes from here over diverging routes. Three rail systems distribute the traffic. The Florida East Coast leads directly to all the East Coast resorts, while the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line form a network of highways to central and western portions of the peninsula. These rail lines are supplemented by numerous boat facilities on Florida's many miles of navigable lakes and rivers. Within the limits of a brief sketch it is possible to give only a mere hint of the numerous winter playgrounds.

Leaving Jacksonville for the East Coast we come in turn to Atlantic beach with its profusion of outdoor pastimes; historic St Augustine; Ormond with its links; Daytona and Seabreeze with their famous beaches; Palm Beach the rendezvous of fashion and wealth; Miami, the Mekka of yachtmen, connected with Jacksonville by the Dixie Highway; Coconut Grove, on a hillside overlooking the ocean, and away out on one of the keys that haunt of your real fisherman, Long Key camp. If your journey has lead you to the southern part of the East Coast you will do well to make the one hundred-mile trip over that marvel of engineering, the overseas division of the East Coast railway, passing over the clear waters of the ocean on great concrete viaducts and over scores of intervening coral keys. At Key West, the terminus, the trip may be continued by steamer to Havana or by the same means to Tampa. The premier resort of the East Coast, Palm Beach, is thus pictured by Harrison Rhodes in his book, "In Vacation America."

"Palm Beach is our most satisfactory achievement in water places along the traditional European lines. It has as preposterously short and perfervid a season as Trouville or Deauville. It has prices—if you insist on them—as high and as really exhilirating as those of Monte Carlo; you believe, at least while you abandon yourself to the Palm Beach spell, that not to be rich is something unworthy and discreditable, something not to be mentioned before nice people. . . .

Palm Beach is fantastically rich and idle and gay—and useless, if you like. It is a kind of dream of blazing flower gardens and allees of palms. Its most characteristic sport is the wheelchair—the Afro-mobile, so-called from the black slave of the pedal who propels you. The golfers, who languidly dot the flat green seem only to do it that they make make wheel chair idleness the more attractive. In the same way watching the bathers from under a striped awning competes on fair terms with bathing itself. And eating and drinking here tend to become not only kings of indoor, but of outdoor sports. The games of chance, too, which so enliven the quest of rest and health abroad, are discreetly provided, and in the agreeable confusion of the tables certain ideals of democracy—that is to say, ideals for the fraternizing of the rich—are satisfied."

If your trip to Florida is by sea, you will have the pleasure of a twenty-mile sail up the St. Johns, Florida's most stately river to Jacksonville a searchlight and a daylight trip may be taken up the river from Jacksonville by the St. Johns river line of the Clyde Steamship company to Sanford the head of navigation. Among the river resorts reached by this trip are Palatka, Astor, DeLand (Florida's center of culture and education), and Orange City. Among other resorts in the central lake and river region may be mentioned Florence Villa with ninety-seven lakes within a five-mile radius; Winter Park, set amid lakes and tropical vegetation; Orlando, surrounded by lakes; Apopka, celebrated for its fishing; Lakeland, in hills well above sea level.

On the deep bays and peninsulas of the west coast are found some of Florida's most attractive winter playgrounds. Here we find Tarpon Springs, with golfing, boating, bathing and hunting; Clearwater, on high bluffs of the Pinellas Peninsula; Bellair, noted as having the best links WINTER PLAYGROUND Gal 2 in the state; St. Petersburg, with its magnificent beach; Tampa, ideally situated on Tampa Bay; Sarasota, famous for its fishing; Venice, southernmost terminal of the Seaboard Air Line; Punta Gorda, a famous tarpon resort; and Fort Myers, beautifully located on the Caloosahatchee river, the terminus of the Atlantic Coast Line system. Steamer service is provided from Tampa to near-by resorts. Regular sailings between Port Tampa and Key West are made by the Peninsular and Occidental fleet.

Along the northwestern coast of Florida extends a series of resorts which are attracting increasing numbers of visitors from the north. Here is found a mingling of the salt air of the ocean with the fragrance of pine forests. Golf, tennis, boating, hunting and fishing are among the available winter pastimes. Pensacola, which forms the chief rail gateway to Florida from the west, is a city of historic interest and also a delightful resort. The chef rail system to this part of the state is the Louisville & Nashville.

The cost of a trip to Florida by rail, New York to Jacksonville and return, exclusive of meals and Pullman accommodations is $51.30. The cost of a trip by ocean from New York to Jacksonville and return, via Clyde line, is $43.30 and upward, including meals and berth. From Boston to Jacksonville by Merchants & Miner's Transportation Co.'s steamers the round trip rate including all accommodations, is $45.

The Bunnell State bank, Bunnell, has purchased a lot and will in the near future begin the construction of a nice brick building.

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The immediate construction of Lee county's portion of the cross-state road from Miami to Marco was assured recently when the county commissioners awarded contract for the work at the price of $111,800.

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St. Petersburg authorities have ordered merchants to remove all display stands and goods on the sidewalks.

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The corner stone of Fort Lauderdale's new public library building, being built by the Woman's club of that city, was laid recently with appropriate exercises.

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It is expected that approximately 1,500 acres of cotton will be planted in Hernando county next season. This will be considerably in excess of the previous season's acreage.

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The Florida East Coast Hotel company is constructing two large incinerators at the Royal Poinciana and the Breakers hotels, Palm Beach, for the destruction of trash and debris collected about the hotels.

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The Marion county grand jury, in recent session, recommended that the constitution and laws of the state of Florida be so amended as to abolish the offices of constable and justice of the peace and that the work of these offices be handled through the county judges' courts.

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At a recent get-together banquet in Sebring the sum of $802 was raised in a few minutes for the support of the board of trade of that place.

The highway beautification committee of the Orlando board of trade has launched a movement to make 50 feet instead of 30 feet the legal right of way for highways in Orange county, so as to allow room for beautification of the roadsides.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF STATE BANK OF NEW SMYRNA

AT NEW SMYRNA, FLORIDA, No. 77

In the State of Florida, at the close of business Dec. 30, 1916.

RESOURCES

Loans on Real Estate	$ 48,283 00
Loans on Collateral Security other than Real Estate	10,652 50
All other Loans and Discounts	83,421 96
Overdrafts	83 32
United States Bonds	NONE
State, County and Municipal Bonds	18,000 00
Railroad Bonds	NONE
Bonds of other Public Service Corporations	NONE
Other Bonds	NONE
Stocks of Corporations	8,200 00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	4,000 00
Other Real Estate	2,600 00
Claims and other Resources	1,772 34
Due from Incorporated Banks	34,179 30
Due from Private Banks and Bankers	NONE
Checks and Exchanges for Clearing	453 48
Other Cash Items	1,259 91
Cash on Hand	9,878 56
New Building Account	1,635 10
Total	$225,029 49

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock Paid in	$ 15,000 00
Surplus Fund	11,000 00
Undivided Profits (Less Expenses and Taxes Paid)	2,275 18
Dividends Unpaid	NONE
Individual Deposits Subject to Check	106,605 45
Demand Certificates of Deposit	300, 00
Time Certificates of Deposit	15,183 10
Certified Checks	NONE
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	2,554 14
Due to Incorporated Banks	NONE
Due to Private Banks and Bankers	NONE
Savings Deposits	72,111 62
Bills Payable	NONE
Notes and other Bills Rediscounted	NONE
All other Liabilities	NONE
Total	$225,029 49

State of Florida, Volusia County, } SS.:

I, Geo. L. Branning, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. L. BRANNING, Cashier.

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